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Hast thou thought of Calvary?"*

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The Bishop's Page

My Dear People.

A good deal of space this month will be given to our plans for keeping Lent. This is as it should be. While Anglicans generally do not keep Lent as strictly as some Roman Catholics, nevertheless our people are prepared to devote more time, thought and attention to the faith and practice of the Church during Lent than at any other time of the year. Last year we made a notable advance in this respect through the Noon-day Lenten services. Upwards of two hundred people attended these daily services throughout the season. In this way we witnessed to our faith and were strengthened and refreshed. Our plans for Lent 1950 have been carefully made, and are set out in the following pages. Let every Churchman hear and answer the call to give priority to these services.

It is a good old custom for church people to read at least one new religious book every Lent. Tastes in reading differ so widely, that each must choose for himself, but you will not fail to find in the list of books, which I have prepared, something of value. They are all quite small and are priced within the reach of even the most slender purse. The list appears on another page under the heading "Lenten Reading." If it will serve your convenience I shall be glad to order one or more of them for you. A telephone call to the office is all that will be necessary—not forgetting, of course, the purchase price.

The subject of Lenten sermons is receiving a good deal of attention these days—at any rate it is giving the Clergy concern. Canon Peter Greene of Manchester, tells how a young millhand, who was gazing at a picture of Christ on the Cross posted on his Church notice board, turned to him and said "Why don't you parsons explain what that means to chaps like us today?" Such questions urgently need an answer. There will be opportunities during Lent of hearing addresses in your own Church on the meaning of the Cross today, as well as upon other doctrines of the Christian faith. Make the fullest and best use you can of these opportunities.

There is another matter of supreme importance to which I must refer. Last month I mentioned the call to Prayer, and by some unfortunate arrangement of my words gave the impression that there was something more important than this. There is nothing more important or more urgent. Here let me refer particularly to private prayer. It is not easy to recover this habit once it has been given up for a long time. But all genuine progress depends upon restoring this habit to a definite place in the daily routine of our lives. If we can bring ourselves to make a time for it in the morning and at night

the battle will be won. This matter of making a place in the routine of our days for saying a prayer can be facilitated by first deciding to say a particular prayer at particular times. **Everyone knows** the Lord's Prayer. So I suggest beginning by saying it each morning and evening. When this habit is fixed it will be easy to restore the old childhood habit of asking God to bless and help our friends and relations. There are very few people who do not feel the desire to hold up someone in their prayers. By giving way to this desire at particular times the habit of prayer can be restored. This is the great purpose of Lent.

Finally there is the Church to consider. There is a little book in the list of recommended reading titled "Think Again" by Gordon W. Ireson. In it he interprets the meaning of The Church Notice Board. Let me give you a sample of the sort of thing that the whole book says with remarkable skill. "Now how were men to become Christians? The Christ was no longer visible. Where could men find His life and truth? They could and did find it in the Christian community—and nowhere else . . . The Church was, and is, and always will be the Body of Christ. To become a Christian is to become part of the Body of Christ, to share its life and discipline and worship.

"You may say that looking at the Church from outside, you think its a pretty poor body. Perhaps so, the Church is not perfect and does not claim to be. It is made up of very imperfect people . . . All you can see from outside is this very human organization, the pseudo-Gothic building on the street corner with its faded notice board, the parish magazine, the annual Sunday School picnic, nothing much to interest anybody! But behind this curious organization there is the vital organism, the Body of Christ, and within it, Christ Himself. Here men may find forgiveness of their sins. Here, week by week, in the Church's worship they will find their conscience cleansed by the holiness of God. Their minds nourished on the truth of God, their wills strengthened by the purpose of God. Here in obedience to their Lord's command they will find in the mystery of bread and wine the very life of Christ Himself . . . ?

"Think Again" is worth reading. One hears the curious assertion "I haven't been baptized and I never go to Church, but I consider myself a Christian"—as one might say "I wasn't born in Spain and I've never visited it in my life, but, of course, I consider myself a Spaniard." Think again of all these important matters.

Yours faithfully,

Walter Schuman

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The Editor's Columns

THE OBLIGATIONS OF LENT

As every churchman knows, or should know, one of the greatest acts of Christian worship is to bear witness for Jesus Christ.

Perhaps this worship of witness is second only to the supreme worship inherent in the Holy Eucharist.

For this reason, among many others, the Noonday Lenten Services, instituted last year in this diocese and to be continued this year in All Saints' Cathedral Church beginning February 22, are vital to the spiritual life of the diocese because they create an opportunity for busy men and women to pause at the noon hour each day and devote twenty-five minutes to public acknowledgement of the Saviour of Men.

We do not propose to outline in this limited space the meaning and full obligations of the Lenten season.

But we do suggest that daily attendance at these services be voluntarily added to the Lenten obligations of every person in this diocese who, by making a special effort or a special sacrifice, can come to all or most of them.

As the reader will see by consulting page five of this issue, a notable list of preachers has

consented to contribute leadership to Edmonton's Lenten observance this year.

The eminence of these men and their qualities of mind and heart assure to every attendant a measure of spiritual stimulus that will enrich the religious experience of those who approach with due reverence and gratitude that most sacred of all seasons whose central fact won salvation and eternal life for those who believe on His Name.

This personal spiritual enrichment is the first reason why everyone who finds it possible should attend these noonday services.

And the second reason is the fact that regular attendance is a means of bearing witness which, as we have already pointed out, is an important act of worship.

Going to church on Sundays, commendable and necessary as it may be, is only what is expected by society of Christian men and women.

It is these extra acts of witness, these special occasions of worship, that emphasize the solidarity and the zeal and the force of the Church Militant and bring it vigorously to the attention of the lukewarm and the indifferent.

The Noonday Lenten Services offer a chance for every Christian to increase the prestige, the repute and the power of Christ's Church on earth.

THE CROSS AND YOU

The theme of last year's Lenten Services was "Christ and You."

This year the Lenten theme has been designated by the Lord Bishop as "The Cross and You."

And every Christian in Edmonton who comes to the Noonday Services to bear witness for our Saviour will try to think of the Cross of Christ in its direct application to his own life and the life of the society in which he lives.

For as this approach to Calvary over the Lenten road is the most solemn journey in all the journeys of the Church year, so is the world's approach to the Cross, during this period of fear and crisis, the most solemn and momentous step in the world's relentless journey towards eternity.

As every week and month go by, it is becoming more and more apparent that only an upsurge of spiritual force in the human heart can save humanity from the consequences of the new material forces it has created.

The world, with its laboratories of science and its trained intellects, has become very clever. But that cleverness can only achieve the world's destruction unless man becomes, by the grace of God, as good as he is clever.

So the eyes of men today are fixed on the Cross of Calvary, not only as a means of obtain-

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Lenten Services Bring Imposing List of Canadian Preachers Here



THE VERY REVEREND G. R. CALVERT, B.A., D.D., Dean of Columbia, who will be second preacher in the Noonday Lenten series, February 26 to March 3.

For the second consecutive year, a series of Noonday Lenten Services will be held in All Saints' Cathedral Church in Edmonton beginning Ash Wednesday, February 22.

Last year these services attracted congregations of varying sizes. But there is no doubt that their effect was to notably enrich the spiritual life of the diocese.

The Lenten services this year are even more vital in significance than last for the reason that the Bishop has proclaimed 1950 a Jubilee Year, marking the seventy-fifth anniversary of the establishment of the Anglican Church in this district, and has called for a special effort of Christian service and witness to mark the occasion.

Thus the obligation is laid upon the conscience of every churchman and churchwoman in the diocese to attend these Lenten services as frequently as possible and to invite their friends and acquaintances to attend with them.

The hours of the services, Monday to Friday throughout Lent, have been arranged to interfere as slightly as possible with the working day of those who can come.

Each service will begin promptly at 12:15 and conclude just as promptly

at 12:40, giving everyone an opportunity to spend twenty-five minutes in God's House without sacrificing any time that should be devoted to the day's work.

The list of preachers who have been secured for the series of services is impressive and includes some of the most effective and impelling speakers in the Church.

First in the list is the eminent Dr. H. J. Cody, of Toronto, who will conduct the services on the 22nd, 23rd and 24th of February. A special article on Dr. Cody, outlining his distinguished career, appears on page six of this issue in connection with the diocesan men's dinner on the evening of Shrove Tuesday.

The second preacher, who will conduct the services on February 26 to March 3, inclusive, is the Very Reverend George R. Calvert, Dean of the Cathedral in Victoria, B.C.

Dr. Calvert was educated at the University of Toronto and received his bachelor's degree from Wycliffe College in 1925.

He was ordained deacon in 1924 and was priested in 1925. He was curate of Snowflake in the diocese of Rupert's Land from 1924 to 1926, rector of Holland, 1926-28, of Killarney, 1928-32, and rural dean of Turtle Mountain 1929-32.

He was made an honorary canon of Rupert's Land in 1940 and arch-deacon of Winnipeg in 1945.

In 1949 he resigned and went to Victoria, B.C., as dean of Christ Church Cathedral there.

He was deputy prolocutor of the Lower House of the General Synod held in Winnipeg in 1946 and was elected

prolocutor of General Synod at Halifax in 1949.

Dr. Calvert is one of the most forceful and interesting speakers in the Church.

The third preacher, March 5 to 10, will be the Reverend F. R. Gartrell, rector of St. George's Church in Winnipeg.

Mr. Gartrell was educated at McMaster University and Wycliffe College. He was deaconed in 1938 and priested in 1939 in the diocese of Montreal.

He was curate of St. James' in Montreal from 1938-40, incumbent at Noranda, 1940-44; curate of St. Paul's in Toronto, 1944-45, and was appointed

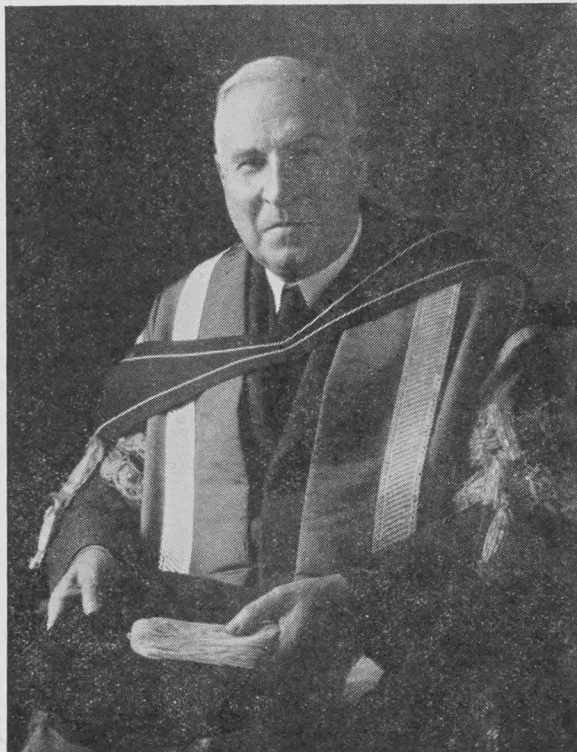
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THE REVEREND F. R. GARTRELL, B.A., B.D., Rector of St. George's Church, Winnipeg, who will be third preacher in the Noonday Lenten series, March 5 to 10.

The Noonday Lenten Services begin in All Saints' Cathedral on Ash Wednesday, February 22. They begin sharp at 12:15 and conclude promptly at 12:40 to permit attendants to return to work. They will continue Monday through Friday until the end of Lent. Anglicans are urged to attend as frequently as possible and to make every effort to enlarge the attendance and scope of the services by bringing along their friends of whatever communion or denomination.

Distinguished Speaker for Diocesan Men's Dinner on Shrove Tuesday



THE REVEREND HENRY JOHN CODY, C.M.G., M.A., LL.D., D.D., D.C.L., special speaker at the diocesan men's dinner in the Macdonald Hotel on Shrove Tuesday and first preacher in the Noonday Lenten Services.

First item of note in the series of events which will mark the Diocese of Edmonton's Jubilee Year, the seventy-fifth anniversary of the arrival of Canon Newton in this district, is the diocesan men's dinner in the Macdonald Hotel on the evening of Shrove Tuesday, February 21.

Here the men of the diocese will gather, or as many of them as are able, to celebrate in a festive way the establishment of the Anglican Communion in this area and to dedicate themselves, as the Bishop has called upon them to do, to "work with new zeal and force for their Lord and His Church during this year of special effort and special witness.

This meeting will be addressed by one of the great scholars of the Anglican Church and one of the great Canadians of this century.

For the Reverend Henry John Cody, C.M.G., M.A., LL.D., D.D., D.C.L. is indeed a noted figure throughout the entire Communion in all parts of the world and a Canadian who has distinguished himself in many aspects of Canadian life.

Dr. Cody was born in Embro, Ontario, on December 6, 1868, and was educated in Galt Collegiate Institute and the University of Toronto from which he holds degrees of B.A., M.A., and LL.D.

He has been honored with the doctorate of divinity by Queen's University, Trinity, Wycliffe, Emmanuel, King's and Knox. He holds the honorary doctorate of laws from the Universities of Manitoba, McGill, Western Ontario, Glasgow, Alberta, McMaster, Brown and Rockford College, Illinois. He is a D.C.L. of Bishop's College.

He was president of the University of Toronto from 1932 to 1935, minister of education in Ontario from 1918 University of Toronto from 1923 to 1932 and members of that board from 1917 to 1945. He was chancellor of the University of Toronto from 1944 to 1947.

In 1943, he was honored by His Majesty the King who made him a Companion of the Order of St. Michael and St. George.

He is a member of the Order of the Golden Grain of China, Chevalier of the French Legion of Honor, Commandatore of the Order of the Crown of Italy, holder of the Medal of St. Olaf of Norway, the Silver Jubilee and Coronation Medals and the Efficiency Decoration (E.D.).

Dr. Cody is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada and of the Royal Society of Arts (London).

He took holy orders in the Church of England in 1893 and became rector of St. Paul's Church in Toronto in 1899. He resigned in June, 1932. St. Paul's is the largest Anglican Church in Canada.

He was appointed a canon of the diocesan cathedral in 1904 and archdeacon of York from 1909 to 1918.

He helped found Ridley College in St. Catharines, an establishment for boys, and Havergal College in Toronto for girls.

He was for some years professor of systematic theology at Wycliffe College. He served as a member of the royal commission of 1905-06 to reorganize the University of Toronto.

In May, 1918, he was offered and accepted the portfolio of education in the Ontario cabinet, a post from which he retired in 1919.

He was chairman of the cancer commission of 1931 and is a member of the board of trustees of the Royal Ontario Museum, of the Toronto General Hospital, of Wycliffe College and of the World Teachers' Federation.

Dr. Cody is an honorary member of the Commercial Travellers' Association of Canada, honorary chairman of the Technical Service Council, president of the Conference of Canadian Universities, 1941-43, honorary president of the University Settlement, Toronto, and honorary director of the Canadian National Exhibition.

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Men of the diocese who have not already done so should secure their tickets immediately for the Shrove Tuesday dinner at the Macdonald Hotel from their parish priest or from the Synod Office, Edmonton. Tickets are \$1.75 apiece.



DIOCESAN NEWS



Metropolitan's Visit.

It was a real joy to welcome our Metropolitan to Edmonton on Sunday, Jan. 22nd. His visit was made in his capacity as Chancellor of St. John's College, Winnipeg, in order to confer upon Mr. Vernon Barford an Honorary Fellowship of the College. It was an act of grace for which we, as a diocese, are genuinely grateful. His coming to us to hold a Convocation of the College enabled our people to realize their long dependence upon St. John's for the supply of our ministry, and to have a personal share in the particular purpose for which Convocation was called to meet. All our happiness in the honour conferred upon Mr. Barford was given full rein, as it could not have been had the honour been conferred in the ordinary way in Winnipeg.

The Reverend F. A. Peake on Visual Aids

It is satisfying to record that our Western Field Secretary has written one of the text books for the G.B.R.E. course in Leadership Training. The work is a study of the use and value of Visual Aids in teaching the Christian Faith. The book is a readable and comprehensive manual, and will supply a need felt throughout our Canadian Church. Congratulations to Mr. Peake.

New Work at Redwater

The Reverend W. W. Buxton has started regular services at Redwater, the oil town which has been transformed from a village of a few hundred to a town of several thousand within the space of a few months.

The Church from Brookdale has been moved to a site in the town, placed on a permanent foundation and already is usually filled to capacity at the regular services. Next summer a student will assist Mr. Buxton in his extensive parish. In days gone by a St. Mary's parish, Redwater was planned, but no church was ever built. Some money was given and held in trust for more than thirty years. It is exceedingly gratifying to the few original families that at long last one of their cherished plans has been realized.

LENTEN READING

The following are recommended as suitable reading for Lent. They are all quite small and priced within the reach of everyone. Order one or more of them today—if you wish through the Synod Office, or directly through G.B.R.E., 604 Jarvis Street, Toronto.

"Think Again," by Gordon W. Iverson	\$.50
"Learning to Pray With the Church," by Verney Johnstone75
"What Manner of Man Is This," by W. R. Maltby50
"If They Had Known," by Lester F. Church75
"The Romance of the Prayer Book," by F. G. Burgess	1.00
"Calling All Church People," Anonymous40
"Broadcast Talks," by C. S. Lewis75
"The Old Church and the Modern World," by Alberta Jones. (Paper)75
(Cloth)90
"The Way and the Faith," by Bevil Browne. (Thrilling early Church history)	1.90
"A Church History for Canadians," by Phillip Carrington	1.50

N.B.: If you want to read something dealing with some particular aspect of the Faith and Practice of the Church, please ask me and I will try to recommend a book for your purpose. (The Bishop).

Miss Margaret Cording. Drayton Valley.

Miss Margaret Cording, a graduate of the Anglican Women's Training College, Toronto, and one of our own Diocesan candidates for the Order of Deaconess, has been working since August in the Drayton Valley mission. The Bishop commissioned Miss Cording at Evensong on Sunday, Jan. 1st, in a simple service. Miss Frances Gray, a friend and fellow graduate, accompanied the Bishop and spent a few days at Drayton Valley. The service coincided with the regular monthly visit of the clergy of St. Faith's mission—the Reverends J. G. Gardiner and G. Robinson—who provide priestly ministry of the church for this whole area. It also coincided with a spell of extremely cold weather as you all know. But in spite of the weather Miss Cording kept to her schedule of services for the day, returning to Drayton Valley for Evensong. Fortunately for the Church Miss Cording is experienced in the art of travelling by horse and cutter, and suffered no ill effects from the gruelling experiences of that day spent in carrying the Good News to the scattered people of the district. We all too readily take such service for granted. Let us awake to the fact that we still have with us in this comfort loving age, those who will face hardships and make all the necessary sacrifices in order that the Church may continue without interruption to meet the spiritual needs of her people. Add the Drayton Valley Mission and its work, and its servant, to your list of intercessions.

New Rural Dean of Wetaskiwin

The Rural Decanal Chapter of Wetaskiwin has nominated to the Bishop the Reverend William Brooks, vicar of Sedgewick, as Rural Dean. The Bishop has accepted this nomination and Mr. Brooks has been duly appointed. Congratulations to Mr. Brooks.

In making a bid for the pity of others, we succeed only in making ourselves disagreeable.

BROADCASTING

SUNDAY SERVICES at 11 a.m.	
Feb. 5th—All Saints	CJCA
19th—Christ Church	CJCA

ANGLICAN SUNDAY SCHOOL OF THE AIR	
Every Sunday, 10:45 a.m.	CFRN

MORNING DEVOTIONS	
Monday-Saturday, 8:15	CBX

OUR CHURCH SERVICES

The Holy Communion

This month we begin here some notes on various matters connected with the services of the Church. It is natural to begin this feature by comments on the great service of Christian worship—The Holy Communion.

The Name of the Service

The earliest name applied to it is found in the Acts of the Apostles where it is referred to as the Breaking of Bread. The converts of Pentecost are said to have "continued steadfastly in the Breaking of Bread." In the 20th chapter of Acts we are told that the disciples at Troas "on the first day of the week gathered together to break bread."

"The Lord's Supper" is another name applied to this service. St. Paul, writing to the Corinthians, criticized the way "The Lord's Supper" was celebrated. An early account of the service is given by Justin Martyr, a Christian living in Rome, about 150. He sent to the Emperor an explanation of what Christians do. "On Sunday we meet, and the writing of the Prophets and Apostles are read aloud, as long as time allows.

Then the president gives an exhortation (sermon). Then we stand and offer prayer. When the prayers are ended we greet one another with a kiss. Then bread and wine are brought to the president, who takes them and sends up to the Father a long prayer of thanksgiving, and all cry, Amen. Then those whom we call Deacons bring to everyone a portion of the bread and wine and water and carry them out to those who are absent." It is clear from everything we read that this service was the chief, if not the only, service of worship of the Christian community once every week on the Lord's Day.

Another name for the service, and the one by which it is now known most commonly in the Anglican Church is "The Holy Communion." This name is suggested by St. Paul when he writes: "The bread which we break is it not the Communion of the Body of Christ? This name beautifully expresses the two thoughts which are central to the service—our fellowship with Christ and our fellowship with one another.

The Eucharist is another beautiful name. It is the one adopted by the Eastern or Orthodox Church. "Eucha-

rist" is simply the Greek word for "Thanksgiving." It expresses the joyous side of the service. Christ, by His sacrifice, has won for man salvation and redemption. The fruits of that sacrifice are made available to us in the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist. Hence the note of thanksgiving.

The Mass is another name applied to it by a strange, and we might add, a regrettable blunder. With so many beautiful names to choose from it is strange that the medieval Church should have chosen this quite meaningless word. It is stranger still that the name should have persisted in use. The origin of the use of this name goes back to the time when the unbaptized attended the first part of the service, and were dismissed before the actual celebration. The priest or celebrant would dismiss them with the words "ite missa est"—"Go, it is the dismissal." Those who did not know Latin took "missa" which means "dismissal" to be the name of the service which was to follow. "Missa" was Englished as "the Mass."

(Next month—Some notes on "should the bread be leavened or unleavened?" and "the hour for Communion").

EDITORIAL

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ing personal salvation, but as the only possible means of preserving the sanity and balance of human society.

This theme should give the Lenten Noonday Services an unusual significance this year.

For it has an immediate and pointed application to every problem in every phase and aspect of human life.

AND BRING A FRIEND

One of the minor disappointments of last year's Lenten Services was their failure to attract any large number of persons outside the group of regular church attendants.

It should be noted that these Noonday Services have a definite implication of evangelism.

They should be the means, not only of nourishing the faith of those within the Church, but of implanting faith in those outside the Church.

The only agencies for reaching those outside the Church are those who are already within it.

To the obligations of Lent, therefore, should be added that of bringing friends to the Noonday Service in the Cathedral.

Come every day or as often as you can. But don't come alone. Each day persuade someone in your office or your shop or your store to accompany you.

DISTINGUISHED SPEAKER FOR DIOCESAN MEN'S DINNER ON SHROVE TUESDAY

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He was made a Mason "at sight," October 3, 1937, by the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, A.F. & A.M. of Canada in the province of Ontario.

In 1904 he was elected Bishop of Nova Scotia but declined. He was elected Archbishop of Melbourne, Australia, in 1921 but decided to remain in Canada.

He is vice-president of Ridley College, governor of Havergal College, chairman of the Advisory Board of the Royal Military College, Kingston, 1931-34; vice-president of the Upper Canada Tract Society, Upper Canada Bible Society and of the British and Foreign Bible Society of England.

In 1922, Dr. Cody preached before Their Majesties in Buckingham Palace Chapel. He preached a sermon in the Cathedral at Geneva in connection with the seventh assembly of the League of Nations in 1926. He gave one of a set of addresses at the Quinquennial Conference of the Universities of the British Empire in Cambridge, England, in 1936.

He is a lieutenant-colonel of the Canadian Militia, honorary chaplain of the Queen's Own Rifles and honorary colonel of the C.O.T.C., University of Toronto.

All this reveals a long life of wide experience and richest service and notable achievement.

Dr. Cody comes to Edmonton, then, as special speaker at the Shrove Tuesday men's dinner and first preacher in the Noonday Lenten series with a real spiritual message for this diocese in its vital anniversary year.



Woman's Auxiliary



Daily Call to Prayer

"Our Father in Heaven, we pray Thee to send into our hearts, and into the hearts of all men everywhere the Spirit of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen."

New Life Member

Mrs. J. A. Smith, one of the first members of St. Peter's parish, honored by the afternoon branch.

Change of Officers

Extra-Cent-a-Day Secretary is now Mrs. D. N. Wade, 9837 88th Ave. All branch secretaries please make special note of this before the next Board meeting.

Coming Events

The next meeting of the W.A. Board will be at St. Faith's on Friday afternoon, Feb. 17th, beginning at 2 o'clock.

The Diocesan Annual of the W.A. Board is set for Tuesday, St. Mark's Day, April 25th, and the two following days. The Bishop of the diocese has kindly consented to conduct the service for the Corporate Communion and to give his usual address during the first afternoon session.

Lantern Slides

These are being used by several branches now. These slides are excellent. They give an up-to-date picture of new and renovated buildings in the diocese of mid-Japan, and after hearing the script, one cannot help feeling that our W.A. branches must put forth renewed efforts to help and encourage our missionaries in their work not only of rebuilding but of drawing the Japanese Christians together into some kind of effective living. The call to help re-establish the work in the kindergartens is very urgent.

W. A. Executive meeting on the third Tuesday in January were delighted to have two guests, Miss Frances Gray, Field Secretary of the Anglican Women's Training College, and Mrs. S. J. Bell of Fort Simpson, N.W.T. It will be remembered that Reverend S. Bell and family removed to Simpson from the parish of Wetaskiwin a year and a half ago.

Miss Gray is continuing her visits to the western dioceses after having

spent the first two weeks in January addressing regional meetings in this city and in Leduc and Wainwright. Even though the weather was so unfavorable many women and 'teen-age girls attended the various lectures given by Miss Gray and enjoyed the slides which outlined the life of a student at the A.W.T.C.

Miss Betty Hawkins, of St. Paul's parish, is among the students at this training college.

Notice! Branch Presidents!

The annual fee for each member of the W.A. is 20 cents. This is to be sent to the diocesan treasurer, Mrs. C. H. Harris, 10806 125th St., Edmonton. This year, 1950, we are asking branch presidents to see that their treasurers forward these membership fees to Mrs. Harris by midsummer, or even before then.

On no account must treasurers delay until December, because correct membership must be known before the end of the year.

So why not send in your membership fees directly after your January meeting? Surely we, as W.A. members, pay our fees at the beginning of each year.

Addresses

Mrs. F. A. Garton, Corresponding Secretary, 10348 124th St., Edmonton.

Mrs. D. N. Wade, E.C.D. Secretary, 9837 88th Ave., Edmonton.

"Japan Is Awake"

The following excerpt is from a message written by Ruth Watts, who first went with her husband, the Reverend N. G. Watts, to Japan in 1927.

"Few people here in Canada realize the devastating loss of life and property and homes experienced by the Japanese during the war. Air raids burned and destroyed nearly 2,500,000 buildings in Japan; 117 cities were completely demolished; our incendiary bombings struck with awful terror. In one raid over Tokyo alone, lasting only a few hours, 100,000 people were either roasted to death, or when they sought refuge in shallow pools or canals, were boiled to death, or crushed, or drowned. Mile after mile of city blocks were completely leveled." (Any recent visitor to

London or to Canterbury or to the south coast of England will be able to visualize the above scene).

And yet new hope is rising. In her anguish, Japan is turning to the Christian's God. "Send us missionaries," is the cry from that land. "Yes," says General MacArthur, "send us a thousand of them and send them now!"

Young people, we are told, are crowding the churches of the land. Bibles are being eagerly read and studied. Bible study classes are being organized in many industrial centres. The Imperial Household is showing an interest in Christianity. "Never before," says Dr. Matsumoto, one of Japan's outstanding Christian leaders, "has the Christian Church been faced with such unparalleled opportunity."

Japan is calling to our God, but God cannot act alone. He needs human friends who will work with Him, who love Japan as He does, who are concerned about Japan, who care enough about God's cause in Japan to strive and struggle, and suffer and sacrifice to the end.

Dawn Over Japan

Let all W.A. branches in this diocese during this Epiphany and Lent try to read and Study this book of Mrs. Powle's with sympathetic interest.

The World Day of Prayer

Date: The first Friday in Lent, Feb. 24.

Time: 3 to 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

Place: In the City of Edmonton. The service will be held in First Baptist Church.

Outside the city: It is requested that all W. A. branches join with other communions for this prayer service; or, if no Day of Prayer has been held formerly in your district, to take initial steps to organize the service and invite women from other churches to assist, and, if neither of these suggestions can be followed, to draw your own members together in your church or in your home and follow the service through at the appointed hour.

"The unbroken chain of prayer begins as the sun rises among the

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Lenten Services Bring Imposing List of Canadian Preachers Here

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to his present incumbency in Winnipeg in 1945.

The fourth preacher is the Reverend J. B. Thomas, of St. Matthew's Church in Winnipeg, who will conduct the Lenten services here March 12 to 17.

Fifth on the list is the Very Reverend G. B. Snell, Dean of Calgary, who will be in charge of the services March 19 to 24 inclusive.

Sixth preacher, March 26 to 31, is Dr. H. G. Watts, of the M.S.C.C.

The sixth will be the Very Reverend Cecil Swanson, Dean of Christ Church Cathedral in Vancouver.

These twenty-five-minute daily services all through Lent were of tremendous value to the diocese last year.

With God's help and the co-operation of Anglican men and women, they should be of even greater significance in this Jubilee Year of the diocese.

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

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Fijian Christians, then passes from island to island, from continent to continent, until at the close of the day prayers of fur-clad Eskimos are borne to ever-open ears of the Eternal.

Forms of service may be obtained from our Education Secretary, Mrs. L. D. Moore, 10908 108th St., Edmonton.

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It is a matter of deep concern that the response to this appeal has been so slow. A good deal of what has already been received has come from groups of the Woman's Auxiliary in rural areas. We need about \$600.00 to complete the diocesan quota. Has your parish made any contribution? Raise the matter at your next vestry meeting. The city parishes are much more in default than the country parishes. Let us complete this important fund at an early date.

MID-JAPAN'S RENEWED UNITY

At the recent meetings of the Synod of the Diocese of Mid-Japan held at the new Shirakabe Cho Kindergarten in Nagoya a goodly period of time was occupied with the revision of the canons of the Diocese. Due to the fact that so many emergency measures had to be undertaken for protecting property and personnel of the church during the war years, the canons were sorely in need of revision to meet the freer conditions of this period. Also, because the Sei Ko Kai was practically reduced to the status of individual congregations by the former government, new measures had to be introduced to restore once more the unity in organization which is the pride of the Sei Ko Kai.

Amongst these measures two stood out prominently: first, the re-establishment of a Mutual Aid Society within the diocese covering what we would call social aid and protection. This admirable feature has always been a department of Diocesan activity, and from it aid comes to each clergy family at critical periods, such as birth, death and illness. The second was the re-establishment of a basic stipend with allowances, for clergy and Biblewomen of the Diocese. . . . The Synod voted with enthusiasm that each priest of the church should receive 3,000 yen, an allowance of 1,500 yen for a wife and 500 for each child. Biblewomen also receiving 1,500 yen. Of course with present inflationary prices, this is miserably low. . . . This decision was really the result of a three-day retreat and conference held at Lake Suwa in the autumn of 1948, where after much discussion, it was felt that no real advance could be made until the evil of competitive stipends was eradicated and a fundamental brotherly system adopted.

At the conference held in Kyoto the latter part of the week, the Primate, Bishop Yashiro, referred in his closing address to the necessity for all the dioceses following this action for the good of the entire church. This splendid spirit of unity of purpose and eagerness to accept sacrifice for the sake of this unity dominated the entire Synod, and seemed to give new vision to some of the lay delegates from the more distant churches.

WOMEN'S WORK IN PAKISTAN

"Our Women's Centre," writes Miss Elsa Peter, "is gradually growing and it is nice to see how much more content and happy those women look now that they have had steady employment over a number of months than when they first came to us. We hope to be able to enlarge the Centre this winter including the opening of a small Dispensary which will be staffed and supervised by the United Christian Hospital which is run very much on the same lines as Technical Services Association, a combined effort of the various Missions which work in the Province. Only one thing is lacking and that is the funds and it will be our work to try and get them from the local health department.

A CHAT WITH CHATTERBOXES

"Speak no ill of the dead," men say. But why of the dead only?

Gossip always reveals the bad taste of the listener.

A Tale-hearer is every bit as bad as a Tale-bearer.

Some people will believe anything, if you whisper it.

If you can't stop poisonous tongues, you can always stop yours ears.

Be on your guard against people with too keen a sense of rumour.

If you feel like fault-finding, do it in front of a mirror.

The hen that cackles loudest seldom lays an egg.

The things that we might have said, but didn't, have saved us many a friend.

If you say nothing, nobody will repeat it.

The finest command of language is often to remain silent.

The gossip's mouth is the Devil's mail-bag.

You have become wise when you have learned how to enjoy life without having to spend money.

You will always make an enemy of anyone who comes to regard you as a threat to ideas or institutions on which his sense of security is based—his religion, philosophy, social standing, financial position and, above all, his idea of himself.

True religion teaches us that each one of us may become a conscious and co-operative conduit for great purposes—no matter how humble our participation. That is what makes life sacramental.

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ALL SAINTS' CATHEDRAL

The Very Rev. A. M. Trendell

The Rev. J. E. Williams

Our warmest congratulations go to Mr. Vernon Barford this month on the completion of 50 years of excellent and faithful service as organist and choir-master of All Saints. His distinguished career, the contribution he has made to the Cathedral, to the University of Alberta and to Western Canada as a whole has been written up elsewhere but he has won our praise and thanks because of his genius and through sheer perseverance and hard work. We are all looking forward to Sunday night, Jan. 22nd, when at a special convocation service, Mr. Barford will receive at the hands of Archbishop Ralph Sherman a Fellowship of St. John's College, Winnipeg.

Annual meetings of the W.A. branches have resulted in the election of officers for another year and our congratulations go to Mrs. R. J. Howe who has been re-elected as President of the Afternoon Branch for the third year in succession and to Mrs. J. A. Hamilton who for the third time has been re-elected as President of the Evening Branch. A brief report of the meeting of the Evening Branch is as follows: The meeting was held on Jan. 5th and the President, Mrs. Hamilton, felt we should be very thankful for such a successful year. This should inspire us to face the coming year with renewed zeal. Arrangements were made for the showing of lantern slides in connection with the study book "Dawn over Japan," dealing with the years 1948 and 1949. Dean Trendell then took the chair and gave a very encouraging talk and thanked the Branch for their wonderful co-operation during 1949. Election of officers resulted in Mrs. Hamilton being returned as President; Mrs. M. Scott as Vice-President; Mrs. K. Gough as Recording Secretary; Mrs. H. S. Denvey as Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. D. S. Wade as Treasurer.

On Sunday, Jan. 8th, special prayers were said at all services for the blessing of God on the work of canvassing the congregation for the Building Fund. The day began with a Corporate Communion of the canvassers and in spite of the very cold weather most of them were present. Owing to the continued cold weather it has not been possible to get very far as yet, and less than 10 percent of the work has so far been reported. The results, however, give us reason for great encouragement. With less than 10 percent of the congregation heard from the receipts to date are \$947 in cash and \$1,594 in pledges, making a total of \$2,541. The total amount of money so far in the Building Fund account is now \$56,100.

Last year we were much encouraged by receiving two sums of money from the estates of two deceased members

of our congregation. Mrs. R. B. Ferguson left the sum of \$1,000 which was placed to the account of the Building Fund, and Mrs. E. B. Higginbotham left \$24,277 to the Building Fund. This has proved to be a great source of help and encouragement to us and we go out with confidence to raise the large balance which still remains.

The annual meeting of the congregation will be held on Monday evening, Jan. 30th, when we shall be able to report a record year of progress.

CHRIST CHURCH, EDMONTON

Cannon E. S. Ottley

Christmas is now only a memory, but the memory is one of great services and of the happy reunion of large congregations. The weather since has been unkind to us and there has been a drop in attendance since; yet it has been most gratifying to see so many of our people remaining faithful to the duty of worship in spite of the cold.

The activities of the parish have been resumed with the usual vigor. The time for annual meetings of the various organizations is on us, in preparation for the meeting of the congregation on Jan. 25th.

Sunday School: The annual meeting of the teachers and officers of the Church Schools heard a treasurer's report, indicating that in spite of greatly increased expenses for better supplies for the pupils, there has been a corresponding increase in givings to meet our needs. It was a great encouragement to note the great increase in the attendance in our Beginners' and Junior departments, while the Senior group remains fairly constant.

W.A.: At the annual meeting, Mrs. A. H. Adams was re-elected President for her third term. Miss M. Crockill was named Honorary President. The reports of the various secretaries showed that the branch had a very successful year. The total receipts for the year were \$1,616.00, a small increase over 1948. The membership figures also showed a small gain. Great pleasure was felt over the reorganization of the Junior Auxiliary under Mrs. S. Marsh, who has done wonders in a very short time. It was hoped that a leader may soon be found so that the Girls' Branch might be reformed. The President called a meeting of the new executive on Jan. 18th in the Parish Hall. Plans were also made to cater for a supper meeting of the Men's Club on Jan. 30th, with Mrs. L. D. Moore as convener.

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Annual Meetings: In spite of the extremely cold weather a number of annual meetings have been held, and officers elected for the year. The reports of all organizations are quite excep-

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tional, and tell a great story of fine work done during the past year. We hope this enthusiasm will be maintained, and the good work continued.

The annual congregational meeting will be held on Jan. 25th when wardens and vestry, etc., will be chosen. The report will appear in the next issue.

Lists of officers:

Woman's Auxiliary: President, Mrs. M. F. H. Browse; Vice-Presidents, Mrs. R. Molloy and Mrs. P. D. Fowler; Secretary, Mrs. W. J. Holloway; Treasurer, Mrs. L. M. Roberts; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. H. Crook; Education Secretary, Mrs. W. H. Hammett; Dorcas Secretary, Mrs. G. Benson.

Sanctuary Guild: President, Mrs. R. Wood; Vice-President, Mrs. G. Oldrey; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. R. S. Evans. The Sanctuary Guild made tentative plans for a tea on March 17th.

Choir: Mr. T. H. Walton was re-elected President. Vice-President, Mr. H. Hardy; Secretary, Miss Hope Paton; Treasurer, Mr. G. Johnson.

Young Women's Fellowship: Mrs. Nona Davis was re-elected President. Vice-Presidents are Mrs. Jean Fletcher and Mrs. Dorothy Grange. Mrs. Doris Harkness was chosen Secretary, and Mrs. Dorothy Rowlett, Treasurer.

Mothers' Union: At a meeting held at the home of Mrs. R. Wood the following were all re-elected: Mrs. A. J. Crook, Enrolling Member; Assistant, Mrs. M. Young; Secretary, Mrs. S. Marshall; Treasurer, Mrs. C. Mison. Appreciation was expressed of the help given to the Primary Sunday School during the past year.

Parish Guild: The Guild met at the home of Mrs. G. G. Reynolds. Mrs. A. T. Livingstone was elected President, and Mrs. D. Teviotdale Vice-President. Mrs. G. G. Reynolds is Secretary, and Mrs. Balfour was re-elected Treasurer. Arrangements were made for parish whist and bridge in the hall. A rummage sale is also planned for the spring.

Teacher Training Course: Through the kindness of the Rev. F. A. Peake, Western Field Secretary, a Teacher Training Course for the South Side Churches was held at Holy Trinity on four evenings in January. In spite of bitterly cold weather there was a fine turnout of teachers, and all found the course most helpful. We hope to repeat this course another year.

Parish Visitation Sunday: The visitation was postponed from Sunday, Jan. 15th, to Jan. 22nd and we look for some milder weather. All visitors have been asked to attend the early celebration on that Sunday, and the breakfast following. Our thanks to the Chi Rho Fellowship for providing the breakfast. We hope to have good news to report of the Visitation next month.

Chi Rho Fellowship: Officers elected for 1950 are: President, Mrs. F. Rayment; Secretary, Miss A. Sowerby; Treasurer, L. Fairall.

ST. FAITH'S

Rev. L. M. Watts
Rev. G. W. Wilson

The recollection of the Christmas season at St. Faith's is like peering into a kaleidoscope where vivid colors and words are intermingled. Looking back one sees the beauty of the Cross accented with drifts of white mums starred with scarlet pointsettia; a towering green tree, with its head in the rafters, bejeweled with colored lights; scarlet Christmas bells, hung over the Chancel steps, swaying in the current of air from the register; and on Christmas Eve, the Rector, standing at the Chancel steps saying: "Let us now go, even unto Bethlehem" and because we have gone all the way, let us live so that we are better neighbors in our separate communities.

The choir and Mrs. McEachran are to be congratulated on the Carol Services held Dec. 18th. The anthems sung by the senior and junior choir were most enjoyable, and those unable to attend church that Sunday missed two outstanding services. After regular practice on Dec. 22nd members of both choirs enjoyed a social evening.

The Sunday School pupils displayed much talent at a Christmas concert that played to a packed audience of family and friends, the evening of December 21st. Santa Claus was greeted with the usual warm enthusiasm later in the evening.

A family service was held on Christmas Day, and those in charge were quite pleased with the number attending.

On Jan. 6th Rev. L. M. Watts attended the Induction service of the Rev. William Clow, at St. Andrew's, taking greetings and good wishes from the parish of St. Faith's.

W. A. work is again in full swing. The Afternoon W.A. had the pleasure of entertaining Miss Francis Gray on the afternoon of Jan. 15th. Miss Gray was introduced to the meeting by Mrs. S. F. Tackaberry. She spoke on the work of the Anglican Women's Training College, and listeners included W.A. members from St. Stephen's, St. Michael's and St. Faith's Evening Group. In the evening of the same day the Girls' Auxiliary entertained Miss Gray at a supper meeting when about sixty G.A. members from all parts of the city attended and saw

colored slides on the life of a student at the college.

Evening Group W.A. held the annual meeting Jan. 4th when reports were given covering all phases of the last year's work.

J.A. members exchanged gifts, played games and elected their officers for 1950 at their last meeting before the Christmas recess. Conducting the business of the group in 1950 will be: President, Annabelle Parker; Vice-President, Kathleen Palmer; Treasurer, Judy Jones; Secretary, Carole Horton; Magazine Secretary, Phyllis Mattison.

In spite of very cold weather, the A.Y.P.A. had about forty guests at a Fireside after service Jan. 15th. From all accounts a very good time was had by all those brave enough to come out.

ST. LUKE'S

Canon A. Wallis

Christmas Services were fairly well attended, especially the midnight Communion on Christmas Eve, and the Family Service at 11 a.m. on Christmas Day.

Sunday School: Parties were held for the scholars on Wednesday, Dec. 21st, at 3 p.m. for the Primary school when "Santa" put in an appearance and distributed gifts, oranges and candies to the youngsters. At 7:30 in the evening the main school met for their party, and had a grand time. Oranges and candies were given out after lunch had been served. Thanks are due to the G.A. for part of the gifts and to the members of the Afternoon and Evening Groups of the W.A. for the lunches provided.

Annual Meetings: This is the season of annual meetings and elections of officers for 1950. We wish a splendid and prosperous year spiritually and financially to all in 1950.

W.A.: The annual meeting was held in the Vicarage on Thursday, Jan. 5th, and the elections of officers was held. Mrs. Barker, our former president, had given notice that for health reasons, and much against her will, she would not be able to stand for president. The new slate of officers is as follows: President, Mrs. C. E. Bumstead; Vice-President, Mrs. W. H. Barker; Secretary, Mrs. R. Gale; Treasurer, Mrs. A. Walters; Dorcas, Mrs. W. Campbell; U.T.O. and E.C.D., Mrs. F. Clark; Flower Fund, Mrs. F. Gill; Prayer Partner, Mrs. W. H. Coghill; Hospital Visitor, Mrs. Davis.

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Owing to other meetings and holidays the Evening Group of the W.A. have not yet held their meeting for the election of officers.

Annual Parochial Meeting: This meeting was held in the Parish Hall on Monday, Jan. 16th, at 8 p.m., and we wish to commend those brave souls who made the effort to be present. The financial reports of the various organizations were given and though there was much activity and an increase in numbers the organizations and congregation and a slight increase in the receipt shown in the financial statement, yet the amount received did not cover the increased cost of operations in the church's work and the missionary picture. It was stressed at the meeting that an extra \$400 would have to be raised in 1950.

The officers for 1950 are as follows: Vicar's Warden, Mr. G. H. Whittingback; Peoples' Warden and Treasurer, Mr. D. Murray; the Vestry, Messrs. D. Braun, C. Brown, W. Campbell, F. Clark, C. E. Bumstead, J. J. Portlock, E. Perkins, J. A. Ross; Mesdames W. H. Barker, W. H. Coghill, F. Holt and Miss Beeby; Delegates to Synod, Messrs. W. Campbell, G. H. Whittingback, J. J. Portlock.

Marriages: Dec. 27th, 1949, Edward Bloor Grange and Harriet Mildred Law; Dec. 29th, 1949, Ervin Wesley Davis and Eileen Ellen Nixon (at Camrose).

Burial: Jan. 11th, Walter Clemence Card.

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to Mrs. Card and family in their bereavement. Mr. Card suffered a severe stroke some five years or more ago, and this caused them to withdraw from active participation in the work of St. Luke's, but 36 years in one parish is a long spell, and we understand they were among that band of the early "faithful" who helped to build up St. Luke's into a parish and see it well on the way to the position it holds in the life of Bonnie Doon today.

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

Rev. W. E. Harrison

The Christmas season has been a busy and uplifting time for our people in St. John's. The Carol Service was held on Dec. 18th, and a large congregation attended. At both the midnight service and the Christmas morning service, the church was filled. The decorations were provided by members of the Chancel Guild, and the Crib was displayed in the Chapel.

The Sunday School Christmas parties were enjoyed by a large number of the children. We express our thanks to Mr. Tomlinson and the members of the Sunday School staff for their work in arranging for these parties.

It was our happy privilege to have the Bishop with us for the morning services on January 8th. He conducted the early morning celebration, at which members of the University Canterbury Club were present, and attended the

Corporate breakfast which followed in the Parish Hall. At the eleven o'clock service, Bishop Barfoot baptised the infant son of Rev. and Mrs. Harrison.

Despite the severe cold which we have all experienced of late, a large number of our people turned out for the annual meeting of the parish on Monday, Jan. 16th. The reports were all enthusiastically received, and showed marked progress and expansion during the past year. The highlight of the year's activities was the construction of the final section of the Church building. Some work still remains to be done before the building is completed, but it marks a great step forward.

Mr. A. T. Nixon and Mr. P. Greenwood were appointed to the Honorary Vestry in recognition of their devoted service. Mr. C. C. Montgomery was named Rector's Warden; Mr. R. H. Johnson, People's Warden; Mr. J. E. Stiles, Envelope Secretary, and Mr. J. R. C. Carter, Vestry Clerk. Elected to the vestry were: Col. E. H. Strickland, Douglas Harper, William Driscoll, Donald Sims, L. G. Thomas, D. J. Sandilands, W. C. Johnson, F. G. Chapman, R. L. Robson, T. P. Robarts, A. E. Powell and C. H. Biglands.

ST. MARK'S

The Rev. Canon A. Elliott

The long spell of cold weather has played havoc with the attendance at our services. The services go on and the church is heated and lighted as usual. We shall welcome the change to warmer weather when it comes and the increased attendance will be still more welcome.

The parish bazaar held late in the year, together with the evening concert, was the most encouraging financial effort of the year. All groups worked well for their objective and put every effort into their particular part. The whole day was most gratifying. We were happy to have with us Mrs. Tackaberry, who opened the bazaar in the afternoon. Thanks to leaders and every member of the groups and to those who arranged and took part in the concert.

Sunday School: The teachers had given much time and preparation to the annual Christmas treat and entertainment. The hall was filled, the programme was good, the parents were pleased, the gifts were a joy to the children and everyone went home satisfied. It only remains now to say all our thanks are due to superintendent and teachers for their fine work during 1949.

Scouts and Cubs: Scouts and Cubs are being well looked after. We have now help for the Troop and the Pack. We welcome Mr. A. Ripley as assistant Cubmaster. Both groups entertained visitors and parents at their Christmas "shows" and in their turn the mothers entertained the boys to some very substantial refreshments afterwards.

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Choir: Mr. Bernard Young, who has been our organist and choir leader for nearly two years, is finding it necessary to give up this work when we can find someone to take his place. We regret this decision but realize that Mr. Young is very busy during the week and needs some rest on Sunday. In the meantime we would be glad to hear of anyone in Edmonton able and qualified to take on this work.

Confirmation: The Rector would be glad to hear immediately of the name and of any children over 12 who wish to attend Confirmation classes with a view to Confirmation this spring. Will parents of Sunday School boys and girls please take note of this?

A further request, too. There are a number of older people who attend St. Mark's and have not been able to come to Holy Communion not having been confirmed. An effort will be made to have this remedied as soon as possible. Will these friends also be kind enough to give in their names to the Rector?

Wanted immediately—Organist, choir leader for St. Mark's Church. Phone 23738 or write Rector, 10744 111th St.

ST. MARY'S

Rev. W. T. Elkin

Group activities are now in full swing again after the holiday season, with annual meetings and election of officers being held.

The Afternoon and Evening branches of the W.A. held a most enjoyable meeting on Jan. 5th in the Parish Hall, when Miss Frances Gray spoke on the work of the Anglican Women's Training College in Toronto. The annual meeting of the Afternoon Group was postponed

owing to bad weather, but a list of the new officers will be given in the next issue. The Evening Group held their annual meeting on Jan. 18th, with the following officers being elected: Honorary President, Mrs. A. Collins; President, Mrs. L. Suss; Vice-President, Mrs. S. Harknett; Secretary, Mrs. J. Warner; Treasurer, Mrs. J. MacDonald; Dorcas Secretary, Mrs. W. Scott; Educational Secretary, Mrs. G. Burns; U.T.O. and E.C.D. Secretary, Mrs. J. Smith; Little Helpers' Secretaries, Mrs. V. Holland, Mrs. E. Burns, Mrs. E. Marsh; Tea Convener, Mrs. F. Pratley.

The Vestry is sponsoring a whist drive and dance on Feb. 17th in the Highlands Community Hall, proceeds of which will go to the Extension Fund.

An Adult Confirmation class is being organized this month, and anyone wishing to join this is asked to get in touch with Mr. Elkin.

The Girls' Auxiliary members recently attended a supper meeting at St. Faith's, when Miss Frances Gray was guest speaker. At their annual meeting Patsy McDowell was elected President, with Louise Scott as Vice-President and Giovanna Rogers as Secretary-Treasurer. Members are looking forward to a sleigh ride early in February.

Sunday School: The Rev. Heuer, of the British and Foreign Bible Society, was a recent visitor, and we were all pleased to hear of the fine work they are doing. St. Mary's will be hosts to the teachers and leaders of northeast Edmonton at a Regional Short Course, which will be conducted by the Rev. F. A. Peake, B.A., B.D. Twelve pupils have qualified for their third year gold bar for perfect attendance.

Men's Club—The following officers were elected at the annual meeting of the Men's Club: President, Ken King; Vice-President, Jack Warner; Secretary, Fred Bannard; Treasurer, Roy Taylor; Program Convener, Eric Marsh; Refreshment Convener, Bob White.

Men of St. Mary's are assured of an interesting and social evening where a friendly welcome awaits at all these meetings, held on the first and third Monday of each month. Three outstanding speakers have already been arranged for, during the Lenten weeks.

ST. PAUL'S

The Rev. G. D. Kelly

The annual meeting of the parish has yet to be held as we send these notes to press and so the names of the wardens, vestry and lay delegates to be elected will not appear in this column until next month. However, many of the reports to be given at the annual have already been received by the organizations concerned and in every case they have told of progress during the past year. What is true of the organizations is also true of the parish as a whole and we have ended the year with increased membership, increased attendances at the services and increased offerings.

What many of the families within the parish have done so successfully for themselves, we as a parish family have yet to complete—the solving of the "housing problem." As a family of God we need a new house of worship. So far we have been enabled to make remarkable progress toward our objective but to reach it by Easter will require the concerted effort of each "mem-



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ber of the family." In brief we need everyone to help in every way they can. Last year gave us positive proof that it can be done, the question before us now is, when shall it be done? The answer rests with ourselves in our response to the call for volunteer workers at our tri-weekly work "parties" and our sustained generous support of the Building Fund.

At their annual meetings both groups of the W.A. reported very successful progress during the past year. Officers elected for this year were as follows:

Evening Group W.A.: Hon. President, Mrs. G. Kelly; President, Mrs. O. Brown; 1st Vice-President, Mrs. A. Walker; 2nd Vice-President, Mrs. R. Stewart; Secretary, Mrs. C. Johnson; Treasurer, Mrs. E. Nielsen; Dorcas Secretary, Mrs. G. Campbell; E.C.D. and U.T.O. Secretary, Mrs. O. Pawsey; Living Message and Educational Secretary, Mrs. A. McNair; Visiting Convener, Mrs. G. Crowe.

Afternoon Group W.A.: Hon. President, Mrs. G. Kelly; President, Mrs. C. Hawkins; Vice-President, Mrs. L. Kvittum; Secretary, Mrs. E. Oak; Treasurer, Mrs. R. Cook; E.C.D. and U.T.O. Secretary, Mrs. R. Cook; Living Message Secretary, Mrs. L. Pinckston; Prayer Partner Secretary, Mrs. E. Langford.

A very enjoyable social evening was held on Friday, Jan. 13th, when the Afternoon Group of the W.A. were hostesses to the Evening Group and to the W.A. groups of Christ Church. Miss Frances Gray was the guest-of-honor and gave a very interesting and inspiring talk on the work of the Anglican Women's Training College. Despite the sub-zero weather the gathering was well attended and Miss Gray's talk and slides were enjoyed by all.

Our thanks to the A.Y.P.A. who came early and stayed late on the Thursday before Christmas. The result of the paint-brush-weilding-wizzards was that the hall took on a "new look" for our Christmas services and celebrations and continues to inspire words of approbation from all who assembled there.

ST. STEPHEN'S

The Rev. C. E. F. Wolff
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The rector wants to take this opportunity to thank all parishioners for their efforts of the past year. Especially does he wish to thank the organist, choir and servers for their continued and loyal assistance in the conduct of the church's services; to the Altar Guild for so steadfastly looking after the Chancel and Sanctuary and for providing so much that is needed for the Altar services; to the W.A. for their encouragement and financial help during the year; and to the wardens and vestry for their loyalty, support and encouragement during the past year.

By now Christmas, 1949, has passed into history but we shall not soon for-

get the wonderful Christmas services. The celebration began with the Festival of the Nine Carols on the evening of Dec. 18th. Then followed the Solemn Midnight Mass of Christmas and the great service on Christmas morning. We are very happy that, through the kindly offices of the manager and staff of Radio Station CKUA, we were able to broadcast the Midnight Mass in its entirety. The celebrations were brought to a close with a carol service on Jan. 1.

At the annual meeting of the Altar Guild, held Jan. 9th, the following officers were elected for 1950:

President, The Countess A. DeLaFeld; Vice-President, Mrs. L. D. Byrne; Secretary, Mrs. M. T. Hirst; Treasurer, Mrs. C. E. F. Wolff; Sewing Convener, Mrs. H. L. Weir; Ways and Means, Mrs. A. C. Ballantine.

The annual meeting of the W.A. was held on Jan. 18th, when the following officers were elected:

President, Mrs. N. Pridmore; Vice-President, Mrs. T. Jones; Secretary, Mrs. G. Speer; Treasurer, Ms. E. Young; Little Helpers, Mrs. C. E. F. Wolff; Dorcas, Mrs. R. J. Paice and Mrs. J. Cairns; Educational, Mrs. R. Allen; Living Message, Mrs. R. J. Paice; Prayer Partner, Mrs. R. Allen; U.T.O. and D.T.O., Mrs. C. Wolff; Tea Convener, Mrs. G. Shropshire.

We regret that Mr. A. C. Ballantine, our devoted organist and choirmaster, has had to be relieved of his duties for two months owing to ill health. We hope that he will quickly recover his health and be able to resume his duties before Easter.

ST. GEORGE'S, FT. SASKATCHEWAN

Rev. W. W. Buxton

The annual meeting of the W.A. was held in December at the rectory. Reports of the secretaries of all departments were read showing that a very successful year had passed in which all phases of W.A. work had been covered.

The following officers were selected for the ensuing year. Hon. President, Mrs. W. W. Buxton; President, Mrs. C. P. Brabbins; Vice-President, Mrs. J. Jenkins; Secretary, Mrs. H. Thomlinson; Treasurer, Mrs. T. Holt; Dorcas Secretary, Mrs. T. W. E. Henry; Educational Secretary, Mrs. H. Brenton; Social Service Secretary, Mrs. A. Galloway; Junior Secretary, Mrs. C. R. W. Mayer; Little Helpers' Secretary, Mrs. J. Thomlinson.

The members of the Sunday School held their Christmas party during Christmas week. Owing to the extremely cold weather the skating party was cancelled and the party held in the Community Hall at which about twenty-five children were present.

The annual congregational supper and meeting will be held Jan. 24th.

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Rev. W. W. Buxton

As I write, Winter is King and in full command. The situation is somewhat grim. We should meet, to round out our business for the past year, and yet again, to elect our wardens, our vestry and committees to carry on for 1950, but the safety of all who have to travel must be considered and so the dates for our meetings must be re-adjusted. However, the hope that spring's eternal abides with us, we shall eventually meet and our survival as a living parish is assured.

The Christmas Eve service of carol singing, followed by Holy Communion, was well attended and added to the joy of our festive season. We were very happy to clasp the hand of Jack Gibbons, who was home from college for a few days. We, one and all, appreciate how hard he is working in his effort to obtain success. The congregation are justly proud that one of their young men is preparing himself for leadership in that noble work, the saving of souls.

Our Rector has thought best to cancel our church service on two of the Sundays during the long spell of severe weather.

ST. PAUL'S, LEDUC

Archdeacon C. F. A. Clough

Services have been conducted by Archdeacon Clough. The W.A. met at the home of Mrs. F. Pow with six members present. Miss Frances Gray was guest speaker and showed slides taken at the Anglican Women's Training College and gave a talk on why the college was important in the work of the church. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mr. C. O. Wilkinson. The Sunday School treat was cancelled.

The sympathy of the parish goes to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Knull and Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Knull on the death of their father, Mr. John Knull.

GRAND CENTRE

Our Advent services were held each Sunday and on Sunday, Dec. 18th, we welcomed our Bishop who took Christmas Day services on that day commencing with celebration of Holy Communion at 8:00 a.m. At the 11:00 a.m. Sung Eucharist the Bishop consecrated our new Memorial Altar and Credence Table. The attendance at services all day was excellent with the highest number of communicants in the history of our parish. The Bishop expressed pleasure at seeing such a large number of children in the afternoon and praised the servers in their work in the sanctuary. The afternoon service Evensong and the Sacrament of Confirmation which was administered to three persons, two others being unable to reach the church from 20 miles away. In the morning the Blessed Sacrament was taken to Mrs. Brown, of Cherry

Grove, who was at that time still ill in bed. Lunch was served in the hall as usual and the Bishop again gave out the usual Christmas candy bags at the close of the evening service. A very happy day was spent in the worship of God and in a good family gathering of our church to meet and welcome our Spiritual Father.

Some twenty-two people attended a short Crib service held on Christmas Eve.

On New Year's Day the Feast of the Circumcision we held our usual Children's service ending with a candle procession from the Crib. The service was conducted by V. D. Chancellor and two lessons from Holy Scripture were well read by the two boys, Charlie Leyton and Roger Collins, and Mr. Ayres gave two addresses. Some forty people were in attendance at this service despite the very cold weather.

On Wednesday, Dec. 28th, a Church Family Party was held for the first time in the Church Hall, included were parents of other communions whose children were members of our organizations connected with the church. Much talent was shown by girls and boys who recited and sang at intervals during the evening, each receiving a present. A little dancing and many games were enjoyed by both children and adults. It was a very happy party and very gratifying to see mothers and fathers joining in the games. At the close of the party an electric lighted Christ tree was unloaded, with gifts for all the children and many adults. The party was opened and closed with prayer, connecting the religious festival of Christmas with the joyful and recreational side of the holy season.

The Bishop expressed his approval of the alterations made in the Sanctuary of the church by the replacement of the two windows, with two built in niches, also the raising and doming of the Sanctuary ceiling. Mr. J. E. Marshall and Owen gave us a nice job of work, and we are grateful to Mr. F. W. Brady for his financial help in getting this work done. It is hoped that in the coming year it will be possible to strengthen the Nave walls, and finish the Nave inside, and also pay off present outstandings on the church hall. This is our aim for 1950 and I feel sure that if everyone helps and does their part we can complete the job.

As far as can be seen at present no further services will be possible until April. It is hoped that April 16th will be taken as Passion Sunday and our Bishop has promised to come to us and take April 28th as Good Friday and April 30th as Easter Sunday. Some twenty are preparing for Confirmation and it is hoped that all will be ready to be confirmed by the Bishop in April.

Our thanks and deep appreciation go out to those good people who have so generously made offerings at Christmas time and enabled us to completely pay our church expenses

and new altar in full, and to face the New Year with a small surplus.

The prayers of our congregation are asked for Mrs. R. Daeley's little girl, Irene, who is at present seriously ill with typhoid fever in Islay hospital.

Holy Baptism: Arthur Edwin Bamber.

Confirmed: Inez Viola Gibbons, Patricia Lucas, Roger Allen Collins.

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ST. MARY'S, BARRHEAD

Rev. D. V. A. Browne

A large number attended the annual Carol Service followed by a celebration of the Holy Communion in St. Mary's Church on Christmas morning. In spite of very cold weather many of our parishioners from the country areas were in attendance and we were very pleased to see them. The church was very beautifully decorated for the occasion and the magnificent flowers on the altar were given by Mrs. B. Swann.

The Universal Week of Prayer will be observed in St. Mary's Church on Wednesday, Jan. 18th, at 8 p.m. The Rev. J. E. Nix, minister of Barrhead United Church, will give the address.

St. Mary's W.A. held their annual meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 11th, at 3:30 p.m. at the home of Mrs. MacKenzie. A very favorable and encouraging report of the past year's activities was read by the secretary, Mrs. E. G. Hooper. The following officers were appointed for the ensuing year: President, Mrs. MacKenzie; Vice-President, Mrs. B. Yates; Secretary, Mrs. E. G. Hooper; Treasurer, Mrs. G. Slaughte; Dorcas Secretary, Mrs. B. Hanson; Little Helpers' Secretary, Mrs. C. Pickerell.

St. Aidan's, Glenreagh

Burial: On Jan. 15th Mrs. Signe Thompson in Glenreagh cemetery.

St. Philip's, Westlock

A very enjoyable Christmas party was held by the members of St. Philip's Anglican Sunday School in the Parish Hall on Dec. 19th with more than 60 members and friends attending. A full programme provided an enjoyable evening. The many items on the programme featured a solo of a Yule song in Dutch by Jane Vanhuyse; a duet by Delma and Josephine Green, accompanied by Mrs. Stanton; vocal by Phyllis and Jim Green and Carol Merryweather; a one-act play directed by Mrs. Green; magic act by Const. W. H. M. Brace; a song by Glenda Bascandall and Helen Green, accompanied by Mrs. Stanton; flower song by Mrs. Stanton; renditions by the junior choir; recitation by Carol Merryweather and Phyllis Green; Christmas letters and presentation of gifts by Santa Claus in person. The services of refreshments concluded a most enjoyable party.

The annual Christmas Eve service in St. Philip's was exceptionally well attended. The Rev. J. S. Clarke, minister of Westlock United Church, read the lessons. We were all pleased to see for the first time in many years a robed junior choir participating in this service.

St. Philip's Guild met at the home of Mrs. Geo. Bascandall on Jan. 4th for their annual meeting. After reports

for the year were read and adopted, the Rev. Browne thanked the ladies for their support of the church and was pleased at the great development during the past year. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Mrs. P. J. Conkin; Vice-President, Mrs. E. G. Stanton; Secretary, Mrs. I. Nelson; Treasurer, Mrs. F. Merryweather.

ST. MARY AND ST. GEORGE, JASPER

The Rev. T. C. B. Boon

The Carol Service on Dec. 18th was very well attended and the singing of the choir, both seniors and children, greatly enjoyed. We thank Mr. and Mrs. Heckley, our choirmaster and organist, for their excellent work. The Christmas Story was read by our lay reader, Mr. S. P. Curry. The actual Christmas services were much better attended this year, particularly the Christmas morning one, at which Gail Jeffery received her Sunday School prize given by the United Society of Christian Literature. Our numbers were small on Christmas night so we gathered in the choir stalls and the service was particularly bright and cheerful. The Week of Prayer Service was held on the evening of Jan. 6th. Although small in numbers, we were part of the chain encircling the world and those who were there felt the service very worthwhile.

The Sunday School party was held on Dec. 27th in the Parish Hall in spite of the cold weather, and the children had a very jolly time, so, we think, did the parents who were there; the members of the E.B.W.A. were again good enough to provide the refreshments and bags of fruit and candy for the children.

The E.B.W.A. held its annual meeting in the Vicarage on Jan. 9th. Most encouraging reports were given on the year's work and the officers are to be sincerely congratulated on the amount of mission work they have accomplished. At this meeting Mrs. Peterson presented her report on the J.B.W.A. and Mrs. Prowse for the Little Helpers; there is a great deal of hard work connected with both these organizations and we should like the leaders of them to know that their work is thoroughly appreciated. The officers elected by the E.B.W.A. for 1950 are as follows: President, Mrs. F. F. Crowther; Vice-President, Mrs. Bruce Wilson; Recording Secretary, Mrs. J. B. Warren; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. S. P. Curry; Treasurer, Mrs. H. Merryweather; Dorcas Secretary, Ms. A. B. Howath; Assistant Dorcas Secretary, Mrs. James Ward; Social Service, Miss R. Atkinson; Thank-Offering Secretary and Birthday Box, Mrs. W. A. Campbell; Educational Secretary, Mrs. M. L. Peterson; Prayer Partner, Mrs. Thos. Boon; Junior W.A. Superintendent, Mrs. M. L. Peterson; Little Helpers' Secretary, Mrs. G. E. Prowse; Assistant, Mrs.

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J. B. Warren; Visiting Committee, Mrs. James Ward and Mrs. W. A. Campbell. Besides meeting its own missionary obligations, the E.B.W.A. has responded to various missionary appeals including a world-wide appeal to all churches dedicated to St. George to assist in the rebuilding of The Church of St. George the Martyr in Queen's Square, London, England.

The Finance Committee of the Vestry has issued an appeal to all members of the congregation to donate "One Day's Pay" to the Church in order to meet the pressing obligations of the church which make financing so difficult at this time of the year. A letter has been sent out by the committee giving the financial needs of the church in detail. A special emergency of the vestry was held on Jan. 13th to determine the best course to take with regard to the heating plant of the church, which after giving us much trouble during December finally broke down on January 11th. It was decided to seek outside advice by experts before proceeding further, and service until repairs can be affected will be held in the Parish Hall.

The annual meeting of the Parish was held on Jan. 16th. Encouraging reports were received from the church organizations and from the vicar and the People's Warden as to the parish generally and its finances. The vicar appointed Mr. C. H. L. Dempster as his warden, and the meeting elected the following: People's Warden, Mr. S. P. Curry; Auditor, Mr. J. R. Heckley; Vestry, Messrs. C. E. Hudson, C. Elliott, J. R. Heckley, S. Kohar; Mesdames Geo. E. Prowse and F. F. Crowther; Honorary Vestrymen, Mr. W. Coupland and Mr. Thos. H. Morris, Envelope Secretary; Mrs. Geo. Pugh; Parish Finance Officer, Mr. E. E. Hudson; Lay Delegates to Synod, Messrs. Hudson and Curry; substitute, Mr. G. H. L. Dempster. The meeting received with sincere regret the fact that Mr. Coupland could not offer himself again for People's Warden and expressed its full appreciation of his long service of twenty years in this capacity.

Holy Baptism: Jan. 8th, Thomas Dale Wilson.

ST. CATHERINE'S, EDSON

Christmas services, conducted by the Rev. George Robinson, were well attended in spite of somewhat severe weather; and the church was artistically decorated with small trees. Paul Delain provided lovely roses for the altar. On the following Tuesday the clergy were kind enough to hold a reception for the parish at the Rectory. On Wednesday, the 28th, the Sunday School had their Christmas party, and despite the increasing cold, there was a large turnout; about a hundred children and adults. Mrs. R. Mahon looked after the refreshments and Miss K. Barker carried out an extremely fine programme which was much enjoyed by everyone. Bill Buck officiated as Santa Claus.

On the 5th of January the W.A. held their annual meeting at the Rectory, and the following members remained in office: Mrs. LeMotte, President; Mrs. Laurence, Secretary; Mrs. Tucker, Treasurer; Mrs. Ball, Girls' Auxiliary; Mrs. White, Little Helpers; U.T.O., Mrs. York; Mrs. Buck was appointed 1st Vice-President, and Mrs. L. Wilson 2nd Vice-President, and Mrs. Buck will also take over the distribution of the Living Message.

Baptisms: Karen Linda Lobban, Hugh Arthur Dakin, John Hardie Laurence (son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Laurence, Edmonton) at Edson. Whilemina Kathleen Vickery and Carol Ann Vickery, at Leaman.

Burial: Ernest Christian Fahrion, Rosevear, Jan. 6th.

The parish has been shocked to hear of the death of Mrs. E. T. Elliott on Jan. 12th in Vancouver, having hoped for a complete recovery from her brain operation in Edmonton last year. Deep sympathy is extended to Mr. Elliott, Eileen and Gerald. Mrs. Elliott was an outstanding worker in our church for a great many years, in the W.A., the choir, at the organ, and as Superintendent of the Sunday School. She leaves behind her a permanent impression of devoted and faithful service.

St. Andrews' Day was observed by a continuous chain of prayer, undertaken by the Rev. J. C. Gardiner and members of the W.A., beginning with Corporate Communion of the W.A. at 8:00 a.m., and terminating by Evensong at 5:00 p.m. (The sequence was unavoidably broken by a funeral during the afternoon).

ST. JOHN'S, CADOMIN

During November the ladies of the United Church Ladies' Aid and our W.A. made a canvass on behalf of the United Nations appeal for children and collected \$205.40. We wish to thank all who donated to this fund.

The ladies of the W.A. trimmed the Christmas tree and decorated the church for the Sunday School and our service, which was a midnight service on Christmas Eve. Mrs. Tomlinson made curtains for the west windows.

During the holidays on Thursday afternoon the W.A. gave a party for the Sunday School. After games and singing a lunch was served and gifts and a bag of candy for each child were given out. Although a very cold, stormy day, there were nine children present.

The W.A. annual is to be held Jan. 18th. The annual meeting of the church is to be held on Jan. 22nd at 8 p.m.

Baptisms: Kenneth James Miller, Ryann Joan Smith.

ONOWAY and WABAMUN MISSIONS

Onoway: St. John's W.A. annual meeting was held on Jan. 12th. It was

a terribly cold day and only seven of the members were present. There are fifteen members with an average attendance of 10. Twelve meetings have been held during 1949. The financial statement showed total receipts for the year \$315.56, including the balance from 1948 of \$30.91.

Among the various items of expenditure there are the following: Taxes on the church property, \$126.50; flowers for the altar and the sick, \$28.07; Sunday School on the air, \$15.00; Red Cross, \$5.00; Book of Remembrance, \$10.00. Altogether a very satisfactory year. The officers elected for 1950 are: Mrs. Bramley, President; Mrs. Parker, Vice-President; Mrs. A. Kettle, Secretary-Treasurer; Mrs. Jared Turnbull, Prayer Partner and Education Secretary; Mrs. Dales, Superintendent for Little Helpers; Miss June Calder, Supervisor for Junior Auxiliary.

The Junior Auxiliary presented two balance sheets, the first part of the year under the supervision of Mrs. Dales and the latter part of the year under Miss June Calder. The juniors contributed \$10.00 to the Sunday School on the Air; \$25.00 towards paying off the debt on the vicarage. At the end of the year they have a bank balance of \$30.00.

Baptism: At St. John's on Nov. 6th, Carol Dianne Baur.

All Saints', Seba Beach W.A.:

A service was held in the church on Nov. 30th, St. Andrew's Day. A Christmas parcel was sent to Annie Andrews, our Prayer Partner. A Christmas parcel was sent to the Rev. Colin Cuttall in England. The W.A. gave \$100.00 to the churchwardens for church purposes. A parcel of articles of handiwork is being made ready and will go to the girls at the Camell hospital early in the new year.

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ST. SAVIOUR'S

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From Dec. 15th to Jan. 15th there is not a great deal to report. Private and public festivities were the order of the day until well into the New Year, but apart from the Christmas services and the Sunday School Christmas Tree, they were extra-parochial activities. Everyone had a very jolly time at the Sunday School Christmas tree. Even the teachers got nylons from Santa, though what one does with nylons in a place where it goes to fifty-five below zero is a mystery.

The Week of Prayer at the beginning of January was very much a success. Our co-operation with the other Christian bodies in Vermilion had the express encouragement of our Bishop. There was cause for some disappointment, therefore, that so few of our church people saw fit to take in any of these services. Even when the service was in St. Saviour's Church not more than two or three Anglicans were in attendance. The other services were held in the Salvation Army Citadel, the United Church and the Alliance Chapel.

We are sorry that our Sunday School Superintendent has had to undergo an operation, but we are glad to report that at the time of going to press she is well on the way to recovery. We look forward to her return to full activity, and to having her with us again as soon as possible.

The death of Mrs. Charles Robson of the King Edward district, has removed a good friend and a valued worker from our midst. Her heart had given her a good deal of trouble for many years, but her passing seemed sudden to many of us when it occurred on Jan. 10th. Our sympathy goes to Mr. Robson, Kathleen and her two brothers.

We are also very sorry to have to report the death of Mr. Fred Firth. It is not long ago since we were recounting the good works which Fred had been doing around the rectory this summer—painting the trims and parts of the kitchen cabinet. We shall miss his pleasant smile and greeting.

"Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord: and let light perpetual shine upon them."

The annual meeting of the Happy Hour Group W.A., was held at the home of Mrs. Jack Kerns on Tuesday evening, Jan. 10th, with 23 members present. The election of officers occupied the main part of the business session, and the results of the election are as follows:

President, Mrs. A. Cooper; Vice-President, Mrs. M. Smeltzer; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. R. Barwick; Correspondence Secretary, Mrs. D. R. Mitchell; Dorcas Secretary, Mrs. Wm. Fooks; Educational Committee, Mrs.

Chas. English, Mrs. G. Stephen, Mrs. S. Soldan.

We are looking forward to another active year.

Senior W.A.:

The annual meeting was held at the rectory on Jan. 12th after a postponement of one week owing to the severely cold weather. Although the weather was a good turnout of members, most of whom taxied to and from the meeting. The regrets of the meeting were voiced at the absence of Mrs. Tremlett, who is still confined to her home with a broken arm, and of Mrs. Davidson, who is in hospital.

After reports of the previous year's work had been read and duly acknowledged, the election of officers for the coming year took place with the rector in the chair. The officers are as follows:

President, Mrs. J. Robson; 1st Vice-President, Mrs. S. Rogan; 2nd Vice-President, Mrs. H. Scott; Secretary, Mrs. W. Knight; Treasurer, Mrs. G. Williams; Educational Secretary, Mrs. Davis; Thankoffering Secretary, Mrs. Hobden; Dorcas Secretary, Miss G. Bury; Little Helpers Secretary, Mrs. E. Buckingham; Flower Fund Secretary, Mrs. A. Manyuk; Living Message Secretary, Mrs. T. Teape; Junior Auxiliary Leaders, Mrs. Robinson and Mrs. Nichols; Girls' Auxiliary, Mrs. T. Teape.

The rector gave a few well chosen remarks, complimenting us on the wonderful spirit of co-operation which obtained in our group, and on the achievements of the past year. Also on the co-operation given to him on all requests he had made. He said he was very glad that Mrs. Robson had been re-elected president for another year, and asked us all to remember our missionary responsibilities. He reminded us that the annual parish meeting was to be held on Jan. 23rd, when the subject of a new parish hall would be discussed, and in closing tendered his best wishes for our work in the coming year.

ST. MARY THE VIRGIN

The Rev. H. G. Brant

The news headlines, even in ecclesiastical circles, are the weather reports. In fact, considering how bitterly cold it was Christmas Eve, our Midnight Eucharist was well attended. The server was a young boy, Michael Gafka who, with his mother, drove in seven miles in bitterly cold weather to be at church. One must certainly credit such exemplary devotion. Several, however, in town did not make their Communion on this obligatory feast day of the Nativity. It is to be hoped that many of them will rectify this mistake as soon as possible.

The new year, 1950, started as usual on January 1st with the Feast of the Circumcision on which date Mother

Church urged each and everyone of us to circumscribe our hearts of those evil and unnecessary tissues which so often grow rampant in the garden of the heart so that it becomes choked and paralyzed and incapable of doing its work.

This month, February, the Holy Fast of Lent begins. Mother Church, in her wisdom, provides forty days wherein her children are urged to search their souls by fasting, prayer, confession and penance and thereby prepare themselves for a holier Easter and a holier 1950. This annual time of retreat should not be taken lightly since (as the late Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr. Temple has said) "advance is made through retreat." The custom of the retreat is growing fast in the church but, unfortunately, we in the west lack the opportunity of the retreat because of the lack of monasteries and convents. Therefore, we must make the best of the conveniences we have.

Every Wednesday night throughout Lent, starting with Ash Wednesday, special Lenten services will be conducted. We shall, for six weeks, meditate on the Seven Deadly Sins, on the Anglican Doctrine of Confession, Penance and Absolution so that by Easter we shall be much better acquainted with ourselves than we were before.

Every priest of the church is under obligation to recite the daily offices. For the last number of months the vicar has been doing this in church at 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Lent would be a good time to put aside about 20 minutes at one or both of these times, a few times a week, and spend them in prayer and praise to God. Let us make this Lent a memorable one.

Holy Baptism: Lynn Daryl Ward, Dec. 18th, 1949.

ST. GEORGE'S, MARWAYNE

December 21st, 1949, will long be remembered by the congregation present at the service conducted entirely by Bishop Barfoot. Threefold in its order, inspiring and encouraging in its outlook, educational in its influence. Rev. Cathcart in the congregation, Mrs. Cathcart at the organ, such uplifting purpose has seldom been so evident in this mission.

First there was the Rite of Holy Baptism when Baby Diane Norcross was received publicly into Christ's Holy Church.

Secondly, the dedication of altar candlesticks to the glory of God in memory of Rev. Wm. Brant from the W.A. and a complete set of Com-

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munion vessels in loving memory of Spurgeon Aston from his wife and daughters.

In the address the Bishop intermingled the significance of the lighted candles, the Holy Sacrament of Baptism and Communion. We must have the light of faith through the Baptismal vows, ratified in our Confirmation and partaking of the bread and wine through the light of His sacrifice when we do this in remembrance of Him.

After the service a meeting for the men only was held to discuss progress and future plans, etc., following which a particularly sociable gathering was held at the Norcross home, the children giving musical selections till the men arrived. Then everybody joined in real old-fashioned hearty carol and Christmas sing-song till lunch time, turkey sandwiches and fancies and christening cake. The highlight of the evening being a surprise gift box under the Christmas tree from the congregation in token of their goodwill towards Rev. Cathcart and family. Expressions of thanks and a desire for more of these inspiring get-togethers with seasonal good wishes brought this pleasant evening to a close.

Christmas Day at 9:45 a.m., a good congregation received Holy Communion and enjoyed singing the many Christmas carols. At the conclusion a letter was read from the Bishop commending the work already done at St. George's, advising on proposed future plans, raising high hopes for their achievement in God's good time. This letter was really a most welcome Christmas greeting and wish.

January 1st, 1950: Weather and road conditions prevented Rev. Cathcart from holding service as planned for this first Sunday in the new year, so tuning in the radio we heard the service from our Cathedral Church with the inspiring sermon of our Bishop and his call for us to mark well this jubilee year in our diocese. To the writer this was the echo of another message from Holy Trinity, Edmonton, on the first Sunday of the year when the beloved primate, Archbishop D. T. Owen, launched the Anglican Advance appeal. Both sermons throwing out the challenge to the individual to do their part, then the corporate unity of purpose with God's blessing will not fail to influence the world.

Words from the one hymn sung seems to hold a good resolution for 1950: "Make you His service your delight, Your wants shall be His care."

January 6th the W.A. held their annual meeting with the rector present conducting the election of officers: Mrs. Norcross, President; Mrs. Gerald Kent, Secretary-Treasurer; Mrs. Aston, Convener of Handiwork, with Mrs. Dudley reporter to the Edmonton Churchman.

Mr. Cathcart thanked the retiring president, Mrs. Saltzburg, and complimented the branch, expressing his

gratification of their world-wide activities and outlook beyond the parish, the response to Dominion W.A. calls for assistance to European families, the monthly food parcels to clergy in Britain, etc., besides the very substantial balance on hand for the purpose of restoration of St. George's to serve Marwayne district.

ST. MARK'S, BLACKFOOT

Holy Communion service was celebrated Christmas Day at 2 p.m. by Rev. W. H. Peckover of Lloydminster.

The December meeting of the W.A. was held at the home of Mrs. R. Anthony with six members and four visitors present.

The Sunday School program was held at 2:30 p.m. on Dec. 18th, with 15 adults and 30 children present. Lunch was served at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Haight by Mrs. Tingley, George, Hoffman, Coutu, Schaefer and Kay. A present and a treat was given each pupil by the Sunday School.

ST. MARY'S, CLANDONALD

The Rev. R. T. Cathcart

Its quite some time since any news was reported from St. Mary's, though many changes have taken place the latter part of 1949. Three of our good workers for W.A. and families have moved to other districts, who will be very much missed. Mr. and Mrs. Currie and Mr. and Mrs. Souder to Edmonton; Mr. and Mrs. Dyson to Lloydminster, which leaves our W.A. sadly depleted. We finished up the year in good shape in all branches. We are fortunate in having Rev. Cathcart as minister and services are being well attended in spite of the severe weather we are having. Our annual W.A. was held at the home of Mrs. Cathcart and officers for 1950 were as follows: President, Mrs. Seal; Vice-President, Mrs. Roe; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Alice Stockwell; Ms. Mary Stockwell, Thank-Offering

Secretary; Mrs. Kellicot, Dorcas; Little Helpers, Mrs. Johnson; Mrs. Langridge, J.W.A. Secretary, resigned and Mrs. Cathcart was nominated leader of J.W.A. The W.A. made a nice contribution to the renovation of the vicarage. After all business was finished, Mrs. Cathcart, assisted by Mrs. M. Stockwell, served a delicious tea. Flowers on the altar Sunday, Dec. 25th, were supplied by W.A., which were later given to two sick ladies, Mrs. Darling and Mrs. Good.

We are hoping to hold a bazaar and tea in the spring which usually is well attended and brings in quite a tidy sum. May the new year be full of good things for you all.

WILBERFORCE

Rev. V. P. Cole

On Nov. 15th a meeting and social evening was held for the purpose of electing a vestry. Mr. Cole and Archdeacon Tackaberry conducted the meeting and the district was fairly well represented. Mrs. L. Fulton, Miss I. Milburn and Messrs. J. Squarok, G. Nash, P. Davies and J. Leach were elected to the vestry, while Mr. T. Elliott was elected Peoples Warden. Mr. D. Nash accepted the position of Rectors Warden.

The Christmas service, held on St. Stephen's Day, was fairly well attended considering the cold weather. It has been decided to hold future services in the members homes until the return of warmer weather.

The annual meeting of the W.A. was held at the home of Mrs. L. Fulton and Mrs. T. Elliott was elected president, with Mrs. L. Fulton being elected secretary-treasurer. Mrs. Elliott will also act as Little Helpers' secretary and plans to devote half an hour after the W.A. meeting to the Little Helpers.

A reminder to those receiving the Edmonton Churchman. Will you please forward your subscriptions direct to Edmonton or to any of the above mentioned vestry members.

Rural Deanery of Wainwright

HOLY TRINITY, TOFIELD

The Rev. E. N. P. Orme

The Christmas Day service at 11 a.m. was without doubt the most memorable event of the month. A well-filled church beautifully decorated, sunshine streaming through the windows, the singing of carols, the large number of Communicants and an address by Rev. Orme all added to the delight and satisfaction of such an important day in our church life. All but two recently confirmed candidates were present for their first Communion. One of the absentees was ill and another away from home. The family re-unions were also noteworthy and a distinct pleasure.

Unfortunately the weather man was probably responsible for the curtail-

ment of two services—all very regrettable but apparently unavoidable. Let us as church members rise to the occasion and from now on attend regularly to make up for this enforced absence.

The Senior W.A. cancelled their annual meeting due to the drifts and extreme cold so this report will be a month later than usual.

The Sunday School attendance was good considering the cold and the distance some have to come. Kathleen Thomson, David Thomson, Patricia Orme, Margaret Coatta, Donald Thomson, Patricia Pegrum, Philip Coatta, Patricia Brown and Billy Glover all had perfect attendance for October; Patricia Pegrum, Elizabeth Crispin and Joan Crispin all had perfect attendance for

November; Patricia Orme, Patricia Pegrum, Elizabeth Crispin and Joan Crispin each had perfect attendance for December.

We were glad to have wee Patricia Brown back at Sunday School on Jan. 8th after an enforced absence due to being quarantined for scarlet fever. Just as Patricia was ready to return her baby brother contracted the same illness which made quite a lengthy isolation.

We are also happy to report the Golden Wedding Anniversary of two real old-timers who celebrated their happy event at their home in Tofield on Dec. 20th. Mr. and Mrs. James E. Secord are both of United Empire Loyalist descent and were born in Burford township, Brant County, Ontario. There they lived until coming to Alberta in 1915. They resided on their farm north of Tofield until their retirement seven years ago when they moved to their present home in town.

Gathered for the family dinner party, which marked this occasion, were their two daughters, Mrs. C. Grant Bain, of Chehalis, Washington, and Mrs. Fred Redgwell, of Winnipeg, and their son, James Secord, Jr., his wife and three children. The day was made memorable for Mr. and Mrs. Secord by many messages of congratulations, beautiful flowers and gifts. Their many friends join in wishing Mr. and Mrs. Secord many more years of happiness.

Congratulations are also in order to Mr. W. H. Drew, acting postmaster, and to M. W. J. Bailey, a rural route driver, who with other members of the local staff, labored under the extra burden of Christmas mail. Our rector's Christmas message in the Tofield Mercury is also worthy of note.

ST. THOMAS, WAINWRIGHT

The Rev. R. K. Walters

The W.A. annual meeting was held at the home of Ms. McLeod. Excellent reports were given by the various branches of the organization. The election of officers resulted as follows: President, Mrs. Arkwright; Vice-President, Mrs. Griffiths; Secretary, Mrs. McNern; Treasurer, Mrs. Lally; Little Helpers, Mrs. Seabrooke; Dorcas, Mrs. Wea; Educational, Mrs. McLeod; Prayer Partner, Mrs. Hardy.

While Christmas news is old a word should be written about the children's Nativity play. The whole cast gave a sympathetic portrayal of the Christmas story. The offering received has given us a good start towards the purchase of a projector.

The Reverend F. A. Peake spent a useful day with us. The children were delighted with the afternoon service. The diocesan camp film proved a valuable medium of advertising. Mr. Peake received many inquiries about next summer's camp. The teachers entertained our field secretary at a supper meeting, at which many questions were discussed relative to teaching methods.

At the public meeting in the evening Mr. Peake spoke on the importance of religious education and illustrated his challenging address with films.

Sunday, Jan. 15th, our Bishop visited the parish. Unfortunately the severe weather prevented a service at Irma. The dedication of the altar cross at St. Mary's will be held on April 23rd. The Bishop spoke to the children at the morning service during which the Sacrament of Holy Baptism was administered. In the afternoon we witnessed the Apostolic Rite of Confirmation administered to the following adults: Messrs. Edward H. Goddard, Oliver G. Griffiths, Frank E. McLeod, Mrs. Bertha Girard and Mrs. Molly Riome. We welcome these faithful men and women into full communion. At Evensong our Bishop outlined the aim and object of the diocesan 75th anniversary. His Lordship stressed the need of the sacramental and prayer life of the Catholic faith which gives the fruit of personal evangelism.

Baptisms: Linda Basso and Mary Winifred Walters.

VIKING

The 11:30 o'clock Holy Communion service on Christmas Eve was one that will linger long in the memory of all those who attended. The candidates, who were confirmed by the Bishop recently, made their first communion. We pray that they will, by God's grace, walk in the narrow way until they come to His Everlasting Kingdom. The church was an enchanting picture with the gleam of candlelight on the holly berries and glossy leaves of the greens sent by Mrs. Bird, of Langley Prairie, for the decoration of our little church for Christmas. We are never forgotten by her and are very grateful for her great kindness.

The W.A. annual meeting was well attended and the reports showed a successful year's work. The new slate of officers is as follows: President, Mrs. Harry Child; Vice-President, Mrs. Walter Lowes; Secretary, Mrs. E. Evans; Treasurer, Mrs. David Kennedy; Dorcas Secretary, Mrs. C. R. Swaine. We look forward to the new year's work with faith and courage.

We were very disappointed that owing to unforeseen circumstances the Rev. F. A. Peake was not able to hold his lecture here on the 13th. We hope Mr. Peake will come at a later date to favor us with a talk on his work for the G.B.R.E. as western field secretary.

EDGERTON AND DISTRICT

The Rev. W. D. Ellway

The severe weather of the past month, and, in addition, the rector's severe attack of lumbago which confined him to bed for a week after Christmas, has been a serious handicap to public worship in our district. At the time of writing the weather is even colder, but

we have to endure it although we get rather restive at times.

St. Mary The Virgin

The Christmas carol service, beautifully sung by the choir and the large congregation present, was held on the fourth Sunday in Advent, Dec. 18th. Actually this service should not take place until the Christmas season proper and it is regrettable indeed that public opinion, guided by commercial propaganda, now seems to insist that the holy season ends, and not begins, on Christmas Day. However, we don't suppose that Jesus Himself minds at all as long as we bring Him our adorations.

The Christmas film show, sponsored by the Edgerton branch of the Canadian Legion, and held in the Memorial Hall, was shown on the afternoon of Sunday, Dec. 18th. Your rector chose the film, "The Last Days of Pompeii," and although not quite what he expected, was enjoyed by all and certainly had a very pointed moral for the Christmas season. Mr. Ellway gave a short address and led the prayers.

The Sunday School party was held in the church basement on the evening of Tuesday, Dec. 20th. We had a lovely time. The tree, given by Mr. Bob McKay, was complete with lights and decorations, the gift of the W.A. members. There was a present for everyone. Following a program of games and singing, lunch was served. Assisting Mrs. A. Calver, our superintendent, were her two assistants, the Misses Peggy Shaw and Nina Sawyer and Mrs. R. McKay, Mrs. J. Strayer, Mrs. F. Roberts and Mrs. G. Miles, who provided the music.

The Babe in the manger received a royal welcome on His birthday. The Christmas Day celebration was preceded by a short service of adoration, commencing at 10:30 a.m. That it started late was due to the difficulty experienced by our vestrymen in trying to pack into our church a congregation exceeding its capacity. By report it was the largest Christmas Day congregation in the history of Edgerton, certainly the largest congregation your present

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rector has as yet seen, with a record number of communicants. As you all know, it is customary for the Christmas offering to go to your parish priest at the Christmas service. He wishes to thank you very gratefully; it was more than double any previous offering.

The annual meeting of the W.A. was held on Thursday, Jan. 5th, at the home of Mrs. A. Calvert, the rector presiding. All reports showed that much had been accomplished in the past year. Officers elected were: President Mrs. G. I. Sawyer; Vice-President, Mrs. Ellway; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. R. Kington; Dorcas Secretary, Mrs. F. Darling; Sick Committee, Mrs. H. Johnson; Prayer Partner, Mrs. D. M. Tramer. Mrs. A. Sawyer, retiring as president after many years of devoted service, as a final presidential duty, made a presentation to Mrs. Kington on behalf of the members for her great service to the church and the W.A. lunch hostesses were Mrs. A. Calvert and Mrs. G. Woodbridge.

The Rev. F. A. Peake's visit to Edgerton on Jan. 11th was completely disorganized by car trouble. Fortunately, through the kindness of the Legion, the people who assembled in the hall saw a film show, and although it was late when Mr. Peake arrived we were able to see the Kapasiwin film, of particular interest to us as some of

our girls appeared in it. We hope Mr. Peake can come again when weather conditions are better.

Holy Matrimony: Dec. 20th, 1949, William Bruce Gordon and Rosemary Elizabeth Tribe.

St. Patrick's, Heath

Weather conditions and the rector's illness have made service impossible since Dec. 18th. It is too bad, but unavoidable, that our Christmas celebration is so delayed, and we hope that before this is published things will be normal again.

The W.A. annual meeting was held at the home of Mrs. W. Spornitz on Thursday, Jan. 5th. A very active and successful year was reported. Mrs. F. Ford, Sr., was re-elected president; Mrs. A. Patterson, Vice-President, and Mrs. J. Bartlett, Secretary-Treasurer.

S. Oswald's, Rosemoyne-MacCafferty

Here again public worship has been at a standstill since the carol service in MacCafferty Hall on Monday, Dec. 19th. As they did last year, St. Mary's choir visited and led the singing. The bitter weather spoiled the service and the congregation was not up to the usual St. Oswald's number, but devotionally it was no different from a full congregation.

Rural Deanery of Wetaskiwin

IMMANUEL, WETASKIWIN

The W.A. Annual Bazaar held in December was an unqualified success. A new feature of our bazaar was the stall sponsored by the G.A. The many beautiful articles made by this newly organized group were worthy of the admiration they received. Much credit is due to Mrs. F. E. Smith for her work with the G.A.

The annual meeting of the W.A. Afternoon Group was held at the home of Mrs. W. Adams; very satisfactory reports of the past year's activities were read. Election of officers resulted in the re-election of all 1949 officers. President, Mrs. S. Cole; 1st Vice-President, Mrs. W. Adams; 2nd Vice-President, Mrs. G. Owens; Secretary, Mrs. P. J. Maggs; Treasurer, Mrs. A. G. Hellam; Educational Secretary, Mrs. D. Clark; Dorcas, Mrs. G. Baker; Living Message, Mrs. W. Gowers; Prayer Partner, Mrs. E. Barnett; Sunday School by Post, Mrs. F. Stanley.

Two services of Holy Communion were held on Christmas morning, the church was beautifully decorated and our thanks go to those responsible.

The members of the Evening Branch of the W.A. met at the rectory for their annual meeting and election of officers on Monday, Jan. 9th. Excellent reports of the past year's work were read by the secretaries of the various departments. A number of new members

have been added to the branch during the past year and the prevailing keen spirit augurs well for the future.

The election of officers resulted in almost a complete change from last year. It is interesting to note that several comparatively new members have been elected to office and we wish them every blessing in their new endeavours. The following are the officers for 1950: Mrs. H. Newby, Jr., President; Mrs. W. Rorke, 1st Vice-President; Mrs. L. Roberts, 2nd Vice-President; Secretary, Mrs. Crosby; Treasurer, Mrs. E. Oswald; Educational Secretary, Mrs. Edith Edwards; Little Helpers, Mrs. E. Hutchings; Dorcas Secretary, Mrs. Margaret Tanne.

ST. MARY'S, PONOKA

The annual parochial meeting has been set for Jan. 24th. This promises to be a gala affair for the two branches of the Women's Auxiliary are planning to provide a parochial turkey dinner. Both branches have already held their annual meetings, and excellent reports were forthcoming from all branches of their work. Membership in each branch has increased during 1949, and great things are being planned for 1950.

The members of the Sunday School held a very enjoyable party just prior to Christmas. The teachers and scholars are to be complimented for the excellent program which they provided. The

parents and friends of the children attended in large numbers, and all spent a thoroughly enjoyable evening. Santa Claus appeared in traditional style, and presented excellent gifts, candy, nuts, etc., to all children present. The Sunday School has also increased during the past year. This is largely due to the very fine teaching staff, and the strenuous efforts which they have put forth even during the time when the incumbency was vacant. We are exceedingly fortunate in having Mrs. E. Taylor as leader of the Junior Auxiliary; she is doing a wonderful piece of work with the young girls. At a recent service, the rector presented badges and stripes to the members. The members of the congregation were impressed with the lovely singing of the girls, and it is hoped that soon a junior choir will be formed.

A new "floor furnace" is being purchased for the church and will be installed when more propitious weather arrives.

The Scouts and Wolf Cubs are now under the leadership of Mr. Savage, who recently arrived from England. He is an excellent leader and has had long and specialized training in this type of work.

The Evening Group of St. Mary's Ponoka, had their election of officers in December with Mr. Smith, the rector, presiding. The following were duly elected for 1949: President, Mrs. G. Nurcombe; Vice-President, Mrs. P. Wilkins; Secretary, Mrs. E. Severance; Treasurer, Mrs. H. Schurman; G.A. Secretary, Mrs. F. G. Smith; Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. S. Jensen; Secretary, Little Helpers, Mrs. D. Howell. Mrs. Jensen, the retiring president, thanked the members for their co-operation during her time of office and urged all to work hard for St. Mary's during the coming year.

SEDGEWICK

Rev. W. Brooks

This past year has been one of encouraging achievement, perhaps not as great as it might have been, but then there always remains something greater to strive for. For your co-operation, help and friendliness we thank you.

Advance is seen in the increased overall numbers in the W.A. and in the annual reports there is ample evidence of a great amount of work well done. There are, however, many outside the organization who ought to be in there with their sleeves up. It is to be hoped that a concerted effort will be undertaken to interest these potential members in their church by this means. And while we are on the subject the corporate services on St. Andrew's Day could have been better attended. I sincerely hope you will all have great enjoyment this year, in the fellowship that is yours at meetings, and the great work you shoulder. We thank each and all branches for the new

range you have had installed in the rectory, and I assure you that there will be no half hour waiting for the kettle to boil when you drop in for tea as you are welcome to do at any time.

There is a great improvement this winter in the house since having the walls insulated last summer, and with the rebuilt garage in a suitable location we have a compact unit.

The services at Christmas were well attended. I would like to find us this year with the resolve to "keep it up," let us attend more regularly and bring someone else with us. The week of prayer services in collaboration with the United Church were not so well attended as the events at the curling rink on those days. However, I feel certain that we were all grateful to the Rev. M. M. MacLean for his thoughtful remarks.

Despite various ailments and of course that never varying topic—the weather—our Sunday schools are active. At Loughheed and Sedgewick the children enjoyed their parties, and to those at the former place who planned and carried on I would like to say thank you. And to all who helped in every way to make it entertaining for the children we owe a great deal.

We regret the departure of Mr. and Mrs. Hobson from Loughheed. They are at present visiting in the United States and we hope that when they return they will be established not too far away.

Mr. R. Ball, for many years bank manager at Hardisty, has retired and with Mrs. Ball will reside in Edmonton.

Toward the end of the Lenten season we expect our candidates to be ready

for presentation for Confirmation. I will soon be in a position to announce the exact date. Two other matters will come before us this year. The first in connection with our celebrations of the founding of the Church in Edmonton seventy-five years ago. By various services we will witness the founding of a great effort and seek the inspiration to carry it even further. Secondly, there has been drawn to your attention the proposal for completion of the diocesan Cathedral. We hope to have someone with us at a later date to give us the plan in detail.

Burials: Hardisty—Mrs. R. R. Keifer, Mrs. J. Webb, Mrs. J. Bunn. Forestburg—Mrs. H. J. Oberg, Mr. J. Shaw.

ST. ANDREW'S, CAMROSE

The Rev. C. F. W. Goddard

The annual meeting of St. Andrew's congregation was held on Wednesday, Jan. 11th, beginning with a parish supper. About 60 attended, in spite of the severe weather.

The parish accounts were received, and were most encouraging. The treasurer, Mr. W. F. Grafton, showed increased insurance coverage for the church and rectory, and an increase in the duplex envelope giving of 13% in the black side and 50% in the red side. The most striking improvement was in that of the finances of the Willowdale mission, their offerings were up 94% over those of 1948.

Good reports were presented from St. Andrew's Building Fund, The Memorial Organ Fund, the W.A., the Anglican Evening Group, the A.Y.P.A., and the Altar Guild. The Sunday School

has had a considerable increase in attendance during 1949.

The officers appointed and elected for 1950 are: Rector's Warden, J. H. Hare; People's Warden, N. F. Blades; Treasurer, W. F. Grafton; Envelope Secretary, F. Beeston; Auditor, P. A. East; Vestry Clerk, A. V. Youell; Delegates to Synod, W. F. Grafton, C. McDonald; Alternate delegates, L. R. Dodd, Dr. H. B. Ness. Also on vestry: W. F. Burrows, R. W. Campbell, F. Harris, H. G. Howarth, R. C. Hugh, J. Johnstone, N. E. Kocourek, E. H. Nelson, B. V. Nixon, L. M. Paton, F. J. Stewart.

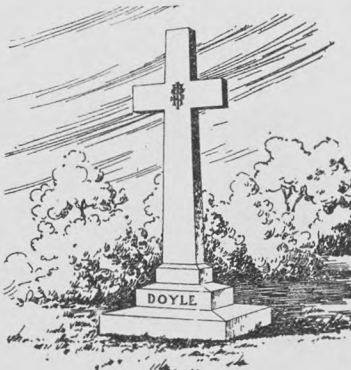
ST. DUNSTAN'S, BITTERN LAKE

The service Christmas morning was rather poorly attended, the cold weather, probably, being largely responsible. Fresh flowers on the altar looked bright and lovely, and everyone joined heartily in the singing of the joyous hymns.

The Sunday School Christmas party was held at the home of Mrs. Horace Ramsell, Dec. 30th. In spite of the cold weather seventeen children and five mothers assembled for an enjoyable afternoon. After a delicious lunch, gifts distributed from the tree, brought the party to a close.

The larger gas burner, which has been installed at the church, is very satisfactory, and we can be reasonably sure of always being warm. Because of the inclement weather, the W.A. meeting, planned for Mrs. Hayfield's, Jan. 8th, has been indefinitely postponed.

Baptism: Hilary John Trevor, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Nordin.



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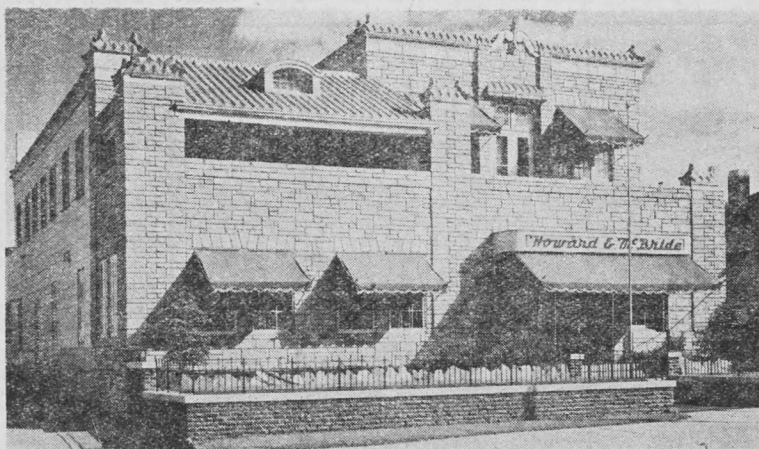
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